# Lawmakers seek post Labor Day school start

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

State lawmakers have renewed a push to mandate all schools start the school year after the Labor Day holiday in an effort to boost the tourism industry and give families more vacation options.

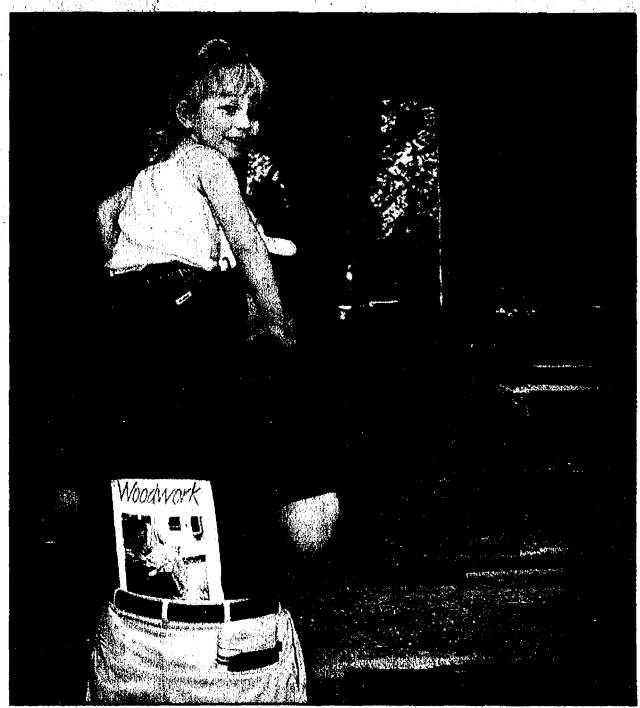
Legislation which would revise the state school code, requiring school boards to ensure that the school year does not start before Labor Day passed in House of Representatives earlier this month. The measure now has to be considered by the State Senate

"Summer in Michigan is short enough. Let's not make it shorter by starting school before Labor Day. Starting school after Labor Day will allow families one last vacation together in our beautiful vacation wonderland," said Rep. Ed Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, the sponsor of the bill.

With recent changes in Michigan law shifting a state mandate from a minimum number of days - 180 days - to a minimum number of hours - 1,098 hours - school districts now have the flexibility to easily start after Continued on Page 9A

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# FREE FAIR



The Wellington Farm Park held its Free Fair on Saturday, where several non-profit organizations from the Grayling area were able to educate people about the various services they offer. Pictured above, Mirada Rose Baker, 3, of Mikado, sits on the shoulders of her grandfather, Terry DeRosia, as Wellington Farm Park Founder Howard Taylor operates the grist mill.

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The Spectator Guide 2005 for the 58th AuSable River Canoe Marathon is included with this issue of the Crawford County Avalanche. This year's Spectator Guide contains entry list, paddler profiles, sponsor information, feature articles, schedule of events, course map, and more.

# City to post rules for park

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

While rules have been in place governing what people can do in the city park, Grayling City officials recently took steps to post the safety measures.

The Grayling City Council at its last meeting passed rules and regulations governing all municipal park land in the City of Grayling.

Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe said city officials were encouraged to adopt and post rules after a recent risk assessment was completed by the city's insurance carrier.

"We have had rules for the park, but they were not posted and nobody knew how they came about, so we're just trying to clean it all up," Lowe said. "By posting the rules, we are just giving an extra notice to people who use the park."

Under the rules, people can not consume or possess alcoholic beverages while in the park.

Use and possession of fireworks and other explosives is also not allowed in the parks. Continued on Page 2A

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# **GOOD LUCK**



(Left to right) Local canoe racers Lee Barnett, Phil Trudgeon, and Joshua Sheldon of the 1071st offer a message of "good luck" to those paddling in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon this year. The three are serving with American military forces in Iraq.

# Oak mortality on the rise in Crawford County

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Throughout Crawford County, residents are noticing apparently increasing amounts of dead or dying oaks. There is no question that oak mortality is on the rise, say experts. The real question Crawford County residents should be worried about is whether these dead trees are a serious problem or just a result of nature taking its course.

"There is oak wilt and there is also decline," said DNR officer Susan Thiel, who has been monitoring the oak situation from the Grayling field office for years. This statement suggest that oaks are dying from natural, normal causes, called decline, as well as from oak wilt, which is much different.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that affects the various types of oaks, including pin oaks, which are very common in Crawford County. It is invariably fatal and can kill the trees very quickly. It is spread over long distances by the picnic beetle.

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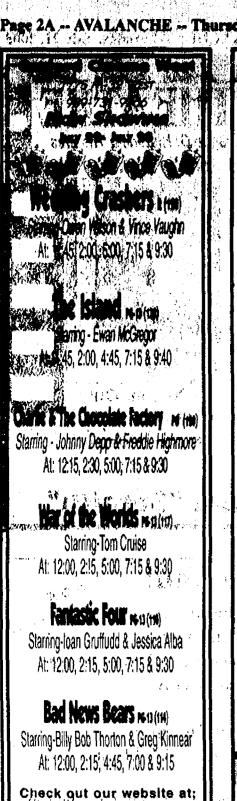
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ADDING SOME COLOR



Photo courtesy of Mary Robinson

The Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club of Grayling will not be hosting its annual garden walk this summer. Nevertheless, they continue to run charity garden projects to beautify Crawford County. The club will be hosting a flower sale to support these efforts on July 29 during the AuSable River Festival Craft Sale. They will be located on lot 112.

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# Six Lakes man dies in one-car accident

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

struck a power pole near Lovells on Saturday.

Marty Stockwell was traveling on Lovells Road near County Road 612 around 10:50 p.m. Saturday just outside Lovells when his car left the road and struck a utility pole, Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said.

Seconds before the accident occurred, a nearby resident witnessed the vehicle traveling on

Lovells Road at a high rate of speed. The accident investigation A 36-year-old man from Six indicated that the vehicle failed Lakes was killed after his car to negotiate a 45-mph curve in the road, left the roadway, struck a power pole and rolled onto its

> Speed, alcohol and foggy weather conditions were all factors in the accident, police said.

Stockwell was pronounced dead at the scene. A passenger in the vehicle, Heather Dowell, 33, of McBride, was transported to Mercy Hospital Grayling, where she was treated and released.

Both driver and passenger airbags were deployed, however, neither the driver nor the passenger were wearing their seat belts. Accident investigators believe that the death would have been prevented if StockWell would' have been wearing hipiseat belt,

police said.

Great Lakes Energy Power Company crews worked through the night to restore power to

The Frederic Township Fire and EMS, Lovells Township Rescue and Fire, Mobile Medical Response and a Michigan State Police Accident Investigator from 'Alpena 'assisted' sheriff's' deputies with the crash.



Photo courtesy of Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Marty Stockwell, 36, of Six Lakes died Saturday after he failed to negotiate a curve, his car struck a power pole and rolled onto its roof.

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### City to post rules for park

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People can not remain or loiter in the park between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., unless a permit is obtained for an event by a charitable, civic or governmental organization.

Finally, pet owners are required to keep their pets on a leash not more than six feet long, and are required to immediately clean up pet waste and place in a trash receptacle.

The rules went into effect on July 11.

Lowe said there would be no added push to enforce the rules since city police officers regularly survey the park while on patrol.

### Correction

In an article which ran in the July 14 edition of the Avalanche titled "Blanket ban implemented for AuSable Marathon," it incorrectly identified Tim Zigila as the president of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Zigila serves as the co-chairman of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee and was speaking in that capacity. The Graying Regional Chamber of Commerce does not dictate regulations for the Canoe Marathon. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

### Correction

In an article which ran in the July 14 edition of the Avalanche titled "Community unites to support upcoming triplets," it incorrectly listed the phone number of Ken and Sandra Michalik. To donate items to the garage sale, please call 989-344-6080. The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

# Two Grayling brothers, soldlers, serve in Iraq

by Lindsay Swire Special to the Avalenche

Two brothers from Grayling, were just minutes away from each other while serving in the United States Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant First Class (SPC) Mark T. Kraus of the 119th Field Artillery (1/119TH FA) Michigan National Guard out of Lansing is presently stationed at Abu Ghraib Prison west of Baghdad, Iraq. His younger brother, Captain (CPT) Emil Lennon (Lenny) Kraus, returned in late March from his post with the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division in southern Baghdad.

The brothers were approximately 20 miles apart and were able to visit each other twice during their tour.

"Growing up we used to play games of 'survival' in the woods of Grayling," said CPT Lenny Kraus, 28, of Miami, FL. "It was a bit surreal to meet Mark over there doing this stuff for real."

SFC Mark Kraus' mission with the 1/119TH FA is to provide custody, control, and security of the over 3,000 detainees currently located at the infamous Abu Ghraib facility. His direct responsibilities are those of other Platoon sergeants; ensuring his soldiers welfare and safety.

Mark oversees the supervision of soldier performances in assigned duties dealing with detainees while adhering to rules and regulations of the Geneva Convention.

"Unfortunately the news has focused much attention to the infamous events of Abu Ghraib in the past," said SFC Mark Kraus, 31 of Novi, "People were sickened by what they saw in the pictures. I too was disturbed that fellow soldiers could lose all bearing and humanity. Now it is much the opposite. If national security were not an issue, I'd welcome the cameras into our facility to see how things are done. There is nothing to hide."

Still, every day brings new challenges.

"There is the stress of what will today bring here [at Abu Ghraib]?" said Mark. "But you give those thoughts about ten seconds. I have accepted that I need to trust myself and the soldiers to do our jobs and let God do the rest."

The very little free time Mark gets is spent checking on his soldiers at their posts and calling his wife, Jayme, back home in Novi. He communicates regularly with two fellow Grayling High School alumni who have also served Iraq as well as writing emails to friends and family back in the U.S.

Care packages from home arrive about twice a month. Mark says he treasures the pictures sent of loved ones the most.

"Pictures of my wife, other family members, and our friends remind me of where I came from," he said. "I know that the decisions I make here will not only affect those soldiers I lead, but those back home who count on me to do the right thing and make it home."

A piece of home was with Mark as he celebrated his 31st birthday on February 10. CPT Lenny Kraus had been planning on visiting his brother once he heard they'd be stationed close to each other. His chain of command was very helpful and supportive in making that plan a



SGT. Mark T. Kraus (right) was able to see his younger brother, CPT. Emil "Lenny" Kraus (left) presented with the Bronze Star February 27, in Baghdad, Iraq. The Grayling natives were able to visit each other twice while stationed with their respective units in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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With a matter of timing, Lenny was able to get on a detained transfer helicopter flight in and out of Abu Ghraib. He gave Mark his birthday present in person, season one of "Knight Rider" on DVD, one of their favorite television shows as kids.

It was the first time the brothers had seen each other in over a

"Everyone seemed impressed that he came to visit me," said Mark. "I gave Lenny a tour of the facility and introduced him to some of the detainees whom I have a rapport with. After a short conversation with a detainee, when he and I walked away, Lenny looked at me and said 'we are so far from Grayling right now.' This was very true."

The brothers spent the majority of the day in Mark's room, a cell in the old part of what was Abu Ghraib prison, hanging out and catching up.

"Mark introduced me to many of the members of his company," said Lenny. "My favorite memory of the day was getting his soldiers to sing Happy Birthday to him in the DFAC [dining facility.] It's always nice to see Mark blush."

Lenny's mission while in Baghdad was to conduct full spectrum security and stability operations, increase security and improve essential services (such as water, electricity, and sewage) as well as promote economic pluralism and self-governance.

"When we first got there, I wasn't sure what to expect," said Lenny. "We had extensive training and cultural immersion classes prior to going, but it never really hits you until your first mission in the country. Now [that I am back home] I'm proud of what we accomplished and the positive, tangible impact we had within our area of operations."

While deployed, Lenny stayed in touch with family and friends back home and received many care packages.

"I was grateful for every letter, email, snickety-snack I received," he said

Lenny also received something else he was appreciative for in Iraq: the Bronze Star for his actions while stationed in Baghdad. The bronze star is given to soldiers who distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement or service

Mark was able secure a flight out of the prison into Baghdad to watch his brother receive the medal.

"I was so grateful to have Mark there," said Lenny. "He was at my commissioning six years ago and rendered my first salute. To have him there at the end of my tour was truly memorable."

"I was very proud of [Lenny,]" said Mark. "He is an ace in the hole for anything he does."

Now back on US soil and awaiting his discharge from the Army, Lenny is looking forward to moving on with his career plans. In the fall he begins pursuing his law degree at the University of Miami, FL with hopes to practice maritime law in the state.

"It's hard [being back] not having the full closure of leaving," said Lenny. "Until Mark makes it back, I'll be reading every headline and worrying for him."

Mark is due back in December, with an anticipated two week leave coming this summer. The brothers are planning on meeting up in Michigan during his break. They will be joined by many family members, including the rest of their siblings, younger sister Leone of San Francisco, CA and older brother John of Miami, FL Mark has yet to meet the newest member of his family, niece Maia, born in February to John and his wife Alexandra.

In the meantime, Mark wants the people back home in Michigan to know that the soldiers are doing great things and that they all appreciate the support they have been receiving.

"I see the banners and cards from schools all over the country. I stop and read them every time," he says. "Here at the 1/119th FA, our soldier's recreation room displays banners from the high

schools of our respective alumni."

Grayling has attributed to this hometown encouragement. Doug Pummel, Athletic Director of Grayling High School sent Mark t-shirts and a 'Grayling Vikings' sign that are proudly on display at Abu Ghraib.

"Having the community support, in spite of the distractions, is great," said Mark. "We have access to the news and see what makes the headlines. The support and care that is forwarded to us, two and a half years since the start of the war, means a lot to us over here"

over here." Lindsay R. Swire holds a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism from Eastern Michigan University. She has had articles published in the Houghton Lake Resorter and the Roscommon Herald as well as works in collegiate publications. In the fall of 2003 she was an intern for the Imokilly People Newspaper in Midleton, County Cork, Ireland. She wrote a weekly column for the paper in addition to many news and feature pieces.

SFC Mark T. Kraus and CPT Emil "Lenny" Kraus are both Grayling natives who served in the United States Army in Iraq this past year for their respective units. Both men are sons of the late John Kraus of Grayling and newphews of Emil Kraus and Virginia Kraus, who presently reside there. Mark is a 1993 graduate of Grayling High School. Lenny is a 1994 graduate Huron High School in Ann Arbor, after transferring from GHS. The Kraus brothers still have many ties to Grayling, Through friends and family, many of whom are Avalanche readers.



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# Parks panel to receive new look

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

The City of Grayling's parks and recreation committee is going to take on a new look.

Grayling Mayor Joe Ferrigan at a recent Grayling City Council meeting directed city staff to re-draft a resolution which provides for the make up for the city's parks and recreation committee.

Ferrigan called for the measure instead of making new appointments to the parks and recreation committee. He requested the change due to res-

ignations from the parks and recreation committee and a lack of participation in meetings by former committee members.

Now, a member of the city's Downtown Development Authority, planning commission and a citizen at large will serve on the committee. A city council member and Chad Beckett, the director of the city's Department of Public Works will also sit on the committee.

In October, 2004, the city council changed the ordinance regulating the parks and recreation committee to make it an

advisory panel rather than developing a long-range panel for the city. The council made the move to address the recording and filing of minutes and the way the parks and recreation committee meetings were being held.

Mary Ann Ferrigan, who serves as the secretary for the parks and recreation committee, and Ilene Geiss Wilson, the executive director of the Grayling Visitors Bureau, and Dennis Palmer, a city council member are the current members serving on the parks and recreation committee.

# ISSUES AND



### **ALMANACK**

by Richard L. Milliman

# Michigan had its own 'Payless Payday'

MINNESOTA HAS been in the news lately because its state government had trouble adopting a budget this year, resulting in temporary layoffs and curtailment of services.

Of course, cooler heads finally prevailed, and Minnesota state government went back into full swing shortly after a temporary withdrawal down to basic operations.

But Minnesota is not the only state to have endured budgeting problems.

Michigan, too, experienced its own "payless payday" almost a half century

It grew out of strong philosophical differences between a newly emergent Michigan Democratic Party, headed by Democratic Gov. G. Mennen (Soapy) Williams, which was finding new strengths in big cities and big labor unions, and old guard Republicans, mainly from rural areas and small towns, who held solid control in both houses of the legislature, where they had ruled almost uninterrupted since Great Depression days.

It seemed as if anything Gov. Williams sought, senate Republicans opposed, especially when it came to taxes or spending.

Michigan Republicans generally believed Gov. Williams was only a passing fancy with Michigan voters ever since he was first elected in 1948, and would quickly pass from the scene, which was a classic misreading of public opinion and changing trends, of course.

THE ULTIMATE showdown came in early 1959. The governor and legislature were at a budget stalemate. Both sides were aware that unless someone backed down, state employees would go without paychecks on a certain Friday payday.

Gov. Williams at the time, as he had consistently since his first term, was pushing for a personal income tax as the answer to Michigan's persistent money woes, and legislative Republicans would have none of that idea. If they had to levy taxes of any kind, GOP lawmakers liked the sales tax.

Again, as in the Minnesota stalemate,

politics held sway and Michigan endured its then-famous payless payday.

It was a phony but effective political tactic, however, because all paychecks were valid on the following Monday, and no services actually were cut and no state employee ever lost a dime.

But Michigan was enduring tough economic times in the late 1950s, much as it is today. Jokes were made about Michigan and the Rust Belt, or the new drink, Michigan on the Rocks, or the partisan version, Soapy on the Rocks. The last person leaving Michigan was urged to turn out the lights. And so it

MICHIGAN'S OVERNIGHT "payless payday" played right into the hands of Michigan detractors, and other states competing for economic growth:

It also gave fodder to those Republicans who wanted to tarnish the image of Mr. Williams, who was a rising star of the national Democratic Party, champion of big labor unions, and darling of what many called the liberal left.

A year later, there was an important presidential election. Soapy Williams had been touted by many in his own party as a possible candidate for president. Of course, John F. Kennedy finally won the 1960 Democratic nomination after an important, warm early-campaign endorsement by Michigan's own Gov. Williams.

Michigan Republicans had fun with their own anti-Williams campaigning. State Sen. Carlton Morris of Kalamazoo chaired the senate tax committee, and was instrumental in sinking the Williams income tax proposals.

Sen. Morris was proud of his role, whatever it might have been, in bringing about Michigan's "payless payday" by his staunch opposition to the income tax.

He even tried to parlay his anti-tax fame into higher office, mounting a race for governor one year as "the man who torpedoed the income tax" in Michigan, and campaigned all over Michigan with a mock torpedo fastened atop his campaign car. His bid for governor fell far short, and eventually he lost his state

senate seat, too.

It's ironic that Michigan's first Republican governor after the "payless payday," Gov. George Romney, in 1965 was the leader who finally guided the personal income tax through a stillreluctant legislature. Sen. Morris was long gone from the senate by that time.

One tax theory at the time - both under Democratic Gov. Williams and Republican Gov. Romney - was that the personal income tax among other things would simplify future state budget problems. If revenues in the future failed to match expenditures, lawmakers could merely adjust the tax rate enough up or down to cover the shortage or reduce the surplus.

Time has shown that's not as simple in practice as it may appear in planning.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

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### Reader upset by new 'blanket rule'

To the editor:

Nothing has upset me more than to pick up the paper and read the article informing us of the new "blanket rule" for the canoe race.

This race is a source of pride for our community and one of the few perks we "locals" get is being able to put our blankets down early. The tourists, I might add, have this same opportunity. I agree that doing so days prior is not right, but the day of the race should be fair for everyone. First come, first serve in my view has always been fair. We don't always get a blanket spot, but that's fair too.

Why do we need another rule? Because there were complaints, we are told. If all rules were world, we would really be in trouble. There is limited viewing area and the crowds will continue to grow. What's next, paid admission? Only tourists admitted? This rule will create mayhem at 4 p.m.

Is there a City Ordinance that prohibits blankets on the grass? How will you enforce it? To think that one of our City Police Officers will be assigned as the "blanket police" is absurd. A true waste of time and talent when they should be out directing traffic, where there is a real need.

Even with this "blanket rule" there will be tourists and locals alike who do not get a spot on the grass for their blankets. We don't need another rule. There will

predicated on the whiners of the always be someone who has to stand up to see the race! Could it be we are afraid of offending the tourists and their dollars? The people who live here, and

> have supported and promoted this race since its start deserve this small perk. The majority of out-of-town people see the race once and never return. We spend money at the race too, and we support this community all year.

I think there are better alternatives and this one is a poor choice. You can do better. Put your brains on and find a solution that works for everyone. It's everyone's race.

> Jeri Selthoffer Grayling

### VIEWPOINT

By Chris Nieman, Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Forester

# **Preventing Oak Wilt**

It is that time of year again when cabin owners travel up north to enjoy their little piece of heaven only to find that their oak trees are losing leaves. Although reauses infected trees to produce a several diseases as well as insects and squirrels can cause trees to lose their leaves, it is oak wilt that is a major concern in both Crawford and Roscommon counties.

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that infects both red and white oaks. fungal colonies develop in oaks, after spores moving with sap lodge in the water conducting system of the tree. The infected tree reacts to the disease by producing gums and resins. It is both the formation of colonies and the production of resilfs that cause the water conducting system to become plugged, killing the tree.

The first signs of the oak wilt appear toward the top of the tree. Leaves will turn dull green or brown starting from the edges and moving inward, leaves may also curl or wilt. Defoliation and discoloration begins at the branch ends and moves inward throughout the crown within several days to several weeks. White oaks show the same signs of oak wilt as red oaks but white oaks seem to be more resistant to the disease and can take years to die. Red oaks however are not as tolerant of the disease; the result is a rapid shutdown and death within as little as three weeks.

Oak wilt is spread through naturally occurring root grafts or by a sap feeding beetle commonly called the picnic beetle. Qak wilt pad or mat in the early spring. This mat contains spores or the disease. Picnic beetles are attracted to the fruity wine like smell of the mats and either feed on or tunnel through the mats covering their bodies with the spores. Since the beetles are sap feeders they are attracted to the fresh wounds of trees. Oak wilt spores fall off the beetle onto the fresh wound infecting the tree.

Oak wilt can spread over long distances through beetle transmission. Once the disease has entered one oak tree others in the stand will be infected through interconnected root systems. Although bodies of water, roads or buildings can act as barriers, depending on soil type the disease can spread 100 feet or more through root grafts. Little can be done for trees once it is infected with oak wilt. Expensive fungicides may be applied by a licensed applicator, but they must be used before or shortly after the tree(s) have been infected. For most landowners prevention and containment are the best treat-

Prevention of oak wilt is the easiest and most cost efficient means to control the disease. The picnic beetles are most active during April through July;

simply not pruning your oaks during this time frame will prevent the spread of the disease. Sometimes oaks may become wounded from storms or by careless use of lawn equipment (e.g. weed trimmers, lawn mowers, etc.). wounds found on oaks, during the months of April through July, should be dressed with a commercially available tree paint to deter the picnic beetles from feeding on the sap.

Once oak wilt is found in a stand, containment measures must be taken to prevent its spread. Root grafts must be severed to break up inter-tree connections. This is done by the used of a vibratory plow or a cable plow. Plows that are the most effective are those that have a five foot or longer blade. Placement of the plow lines is important to the containment of the disease; lines need to be placed far enough from the infected tree(s) to contain the disease. Only after the roots have been severed should the oaks be

The cutting of an infected tree that is still alive may actually increase the rate of the spread. Once the trees have been cut the wood should not be removed from the site until it has been debarked, chipped or split and dried. These steps will prevent the development of spore mats and the transmission of the disease.

### Conservative driving will bring down gas prices

To the editor:

Over the years, we have regarded driving our vehicles whenever and where-ever we choose, as an ingrained American right. But now, with the prices of gasoline at an alltime high, and it keeps going higher, we all need to re-think our attitude on driving. The government should be

promoting conservative driving habits. Instead, they are doing

nothing. Some things the government should be promoting are: Cut down on pleasure driving. When getting gas, don't fill up the tank. Buy gas for only one day's driving. Reduce speed, especially on the expressway. We should think of gasoline as a precious commodity, not to be wast-

Since there doesn't seem to be a large supply to lower the price then it is the responsibility of each and everyone to conserve the supply so that the price will come down for everyone. If we don't start conserving the supply, the price could go to \$5 per gallon. Wouldn't that be ridiculous? But it could happen.

Conservation of supply is the key to lower prices at the pump.

> Harvey B. Burkholder Grayling

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Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

**Photographs** must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced. Handwritten items must also have ample space between

each line; on lined paper use every other line. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words:

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### 4-H to meet around the county

Michigan State University Extension is offering a new 4-H program for 9 to 15 year olds. They will be meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at various locations around the county for five Thursdays in a row, beginning on July 28. Activities will include playing sports, Frisbee Golf, old-fashioned games, relay races, and more. The cost is \$7 per day, or \$30 for all five days, and lunch is included. You need to register in advance. For more information, please contact the MSU Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse, or call 989-344-3266.

### COA to hold ice cream social

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is hosting its annual Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, July 26. Join us for dinner at 5 p.m. Price of dinner is a suggested donation of \$1.75 for seniors and for those under 60 the cost is \$3.50. The ice cream social will follow dinner along with a dance. Music will be provided by "The Good Fellows." Events will be held at the Senior Center located at 308 Lawndale St. in Grayling. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or if you need transportation, contact Elouise Mize at 989-348-7123.

### **COA planning trip to Mackinaw City**

The Crawford County Commission on Aging is planning a trip on Thursday, July 21, for seniors 60 and up, to Romanik's Ranch just south of Mackinaw City. The bus leaves the Senior Center located 308 Lawndale St. at 10 a.m. Take a buffalo and elk ranch tour, have some fun in the petting zoo and eat lunch at the Chuckwagon. Cost of the bus is only \$8 plus \$8 for admission to the ranch. Call the Senior Center at 989-348-7123 to sign up today. Space is limited.

### VFW service officer to interview veterans

The Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Assistant State Service Officer, Art Bates, will be at the Michigan Works Office in Grayling on July 22, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to interview veterans and/or their dependents on veterans benefits. Call 989-348-8709 if you have any questions.

### Safety Town registration to take place

Safety Town will be held for children between the ages of four and six at the Crawford AuSable Primary School, Monday, August 8 through Friday, August 12 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Safety Town is for those children who are entering kindergarten this fall and will expose them to saftey issues that they will soon be encountering. Registration forms can be picked up at: Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, Sheriff's Office, and Post Office. Registration sign up will be at the library on Monday, July 25 from noon until 4 p.m. or email request to graylingkiwanis@yahoo.com. Contact Ivan Bush, Safety Town Coordinator, at home 989-344-1492 or on his cell 989-255-4285 for more information.

### Lovells library hosts ice cream social

The Lovells Library will host a book buddy event, "Beat the Heat" ice cream social on Saturday, July 23 at 2p.m. in the Lovells Township Hall. Make a sundae or float and catch up with your friends. The library will display books and videos with a summer flair. Plus handouts about the history and trivia of ice cream.

### Shelter raffle tickets still available

Tickets are still on sale for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's "Driving into the Future" raffle, for a chance to win a new 2005 Dodge Durango. Tickets are \$100 each and drawing of the winning ticket will be held this Sunday, July 24 at 1 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe in Grayling. You don't have to be present to win. The Durgango will be on display and tickets will be for sale Friday, July 22 beginning at 11 a.m. at Charlie's Country Corner and Saturday, July 23 beginning at 10 a.m. at the 7-11 store in Grayling. Tickets are also available by calling Cheryll at 989-348-1429 (evenings) or Sharon at 989-348-5982 (days).

### Shoreline Naturalization Workshop to be held

Higgins Lake Foundation, The Roscommon County Community Foundation, and EPA's Section 319 program will hold a workshop to teach how to create a yard that promotes wildlife protection, is beautiful, low maintenance, and a contribution to the health of the pristine water of Higgins Lake or "your lakefront home." The workshop will be held at Gerrish Township Hall, 2997 E. Higgins Lake Dr., Friday, July 29, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., admission is free! Register by email at vlspringstead@cs.com or register by phone at 989-821-5950, please leave your name and number.

### Class of 2000 announces five year reunion

The Grayling High School class of 2000 will be holding its five year reunion the evening of Friday, July 29, 2005. It will take place at the Ole Barn. Festivities will begin around 8 p.m. There will be live music and drink speicals. Dress is casual. Contact Katie Southard at graylingclassof2000@hotmail.com or 989-348-5844 if you have any

# **Roscommon County** Fair exhibit deadline switched to July 29

The 2005 Roscommon County Fair will be holding a one-day event called "Family Fair Fun" on Saturday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Roscommon County Fairgrounds on Ballanger Street, in the Village of and Percussion Band from Roscommon

This year the fair will feature a teen dance with dance instructors from Detroit teaching the latest teen dances following the day time activities.

Deadline for exhibit applications has been changed from the July 22 date listed in the premium book to July 29.

The fair will feature a teen queen contest, games, educational activities, sheriff's posse ambulance demonstrations, demonstrations, The Steel Drum Roscommon High School as well as normal fair activities featuring animals, foods, crafts.

Fair premium books are available free of charge at area chamber of commerce offices and county extension offices. For more information call 989-275-

### Hospital, health department host meeting on smoke-free workplace regulation

Creating a smoke-free workplace for employees has always been a challenge, but with approval of new legislation it is now required of virtually every business in Otsego County. It is a responsibility of businesses to provide a smoke-free indoor workplace for employees and the public who frequent the places of business.

"The county commissioners in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties supported the legislation to require places of work to be smoke-free," said Gerald Chase, health officer for Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency (NWMCHA), the local health department serving the four counties. "We are collaborating with Otsego Memorial Hospital to provide the business community with a forum to gather information and be linked to the resources available to assist in creating a smoke-free environment in the workplace."

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) and Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency are co-hosting a breakfast meeting from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Thursday, July 28, at the Gaylord Country Club, on W. M-32, in Gaylord. The following representatives will be available to present information and answer questions:

Teresa Sington, Tobacco Coalition Coordinator, NWM-CHA, speaking on the new regulation, enforcement and complaint resolution

Leah Cygan, Director of Cardiopulmonary, Otsego Memorial Hospital, discussing how second hand smoke impacts health, and the effects and benefits of providing a smoke-free environment.

Andy Bahrenwald, owner, Gobbler's of Gaylord, a local smoke-free restaurant, speaking about his voluntary decision to establish smoke-free dining and how it has impacted the business.

Mary King, OMH Health Education Coordinator, on the resources available in the community for smokers who choose to quit smoking.

Dr. Ron Weisberger, Director of Occupational Health Services at MedCare Walk-In Clinic, which offers pre-employment physicals, drug testing and other services to the business community in the region.

Priority Health is underwriting the cost of this event. The Michigan Department of Community Health is assisting additional providing resources, including informational packets for businesses going smoke-free. The Gaylord Chamber of Commerce is helping to inform the business community of this important and timely legislation.

"This regulation was adopted because of the known risks associated with second hand smoke," said Cygan. "Protection of nonsmokers, including workers, from these risks helps decrease the incidence of many smokingrelated diseases, including lung cancer and heart disease that contribute to the rising cost of healthcare which employers and taxpayers face annually."

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Mary J. King, RN, BSN, OMH Health Education Coordinator at (989) 731-2193, fax: (989) 731-7907 or e-mail: mking@otsegomemorialhospital.org. Seating is limited to the first 75 participants.

### Free concert to be held at the **Roscommon CRAF center**

The "Missing Lynx," a duo from West Michigan, will perform at the Gazebo on the CRAF Center lawn in Roscommon July 27, at 7 p.m. The duo, consisting television programs. of Jay Round and Tom DeVries, have built a solid following throughout the Midwest with their amazing musical diversity, instrumentation, vocal harmonies and crowd rapport. Their program contains a wide variety of musical styles from grassroots traditional, country and bluegrass, to swing, top hits from the 1960's to, the present, and original material.

The "Missing Lynx," formed in 1999, have quite a history both collectively and individually. Round was born into a musical family and learned to play several instruments at an early age. Today he concentrates mostly on the guitar, upright bass, hammered dulcimer and vocals. Jay has entertained across five continents with numerous internationally known acts, and as a solo performer. His original songs about Michigan's Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes have become regional crowd favorites. DeVries is also a multi-talented vocalist and instrumentalist, playing guitar, mandolin and harmonica. Tom has been a key member of many musical acts since the mid 1970's and is regularly featured on the recordings and live performances of several top performers such as Lucy Webster and the Blue Water Ramblers.

The "Missing Lynx" has performed opening shows for nationally known acts such as the

### RAFFLE WINNERS

**Grayling Youth Booster Club** The 50/50 raffle winners for July 17 of \$25 each: Kevin Fleming, Jo Ann Thompson, and

Irv McIsaac.

Grayling Lions Club The Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for week 1 is Ashley Olszewski of Grayling.

"Nitty Gritty Dirt Band" among others. The duo has also appeared on several local and nationally syndicated radio and

This concert is free to the public and is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Gannon Broadcasting Systems, Nester Chevrolet-Oldsmobile and the Roscommon Metropolitan Recreation Authority.

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Todd V. Prier, MD, has joined the staff of Mercy Hospital Grayling as a specialist in General Surgery. A graduate of the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine, Dr. Prier completed his residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI. At Henry Ford he served as General Surgical Administrative Chief Resident. Dr. Prier will practice at Mercy Surgical Services and is currently accepting new patients.

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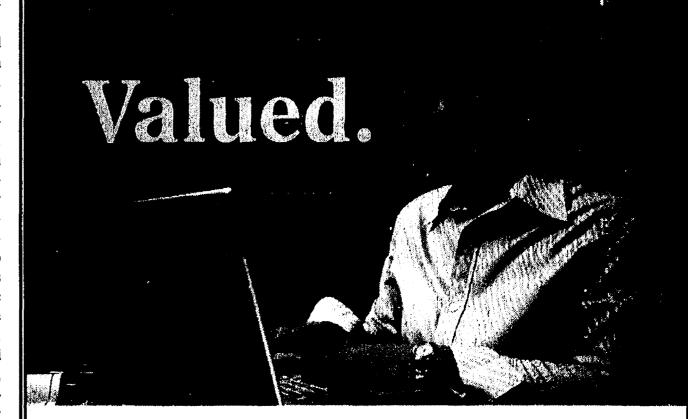
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### **Property Rights?**

The God-given unalienable rights to life, liberty, and property were the foundation upon which our U.S. government was founded. We have watched the right to life being surrendered in the name of a "right to death," namely abortion, euthanasia, and suicide. We have watched the right to liberty being surrendered as God, the Bible, and Christian witness have been systematically removed from public life in the name of separation of church and state. Now the last of these unalienable rights has been attacked as the U.S. Supreme court in a split decision approved local government seizure of private property for re-sale to private developers for public benefit.

The city of New London, Conn. had decided to confiscate certain homes in the name of eminent domain to re-sell the property to private developers to build an office complex. Normally "eminent domain" as regulated under the 5th Amendment to the Constitution has been exercised to gain the public use of private property to build roads, schools, or libraries.

This action by the liberals on

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Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas, and Sandra Day O'Connor voted in dissent of the action. Justice O'Conner wrote in dissent, "Any property may now be taken for the benefit of another private party, but the fallout from this decision will not be random," O'Connor wrote. "The beneficiaries are likely to be those citizens with disproportionate influence and power in the political process, including large corporations and development firms." Justice Thomas added in dissent, "If such 'economic development' takings are for 'public use,' any taking is, and the Court has erased the Public Use Clause from our Constitution." Thomas also said, "I do not believe that this Court can eliminate liberties expressly enumerated in the Constitution..."

Frederic Bastiat, French statesman over a 100 years ago, enumerated our basic human rights well in his book, The

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Our unalienable right to own property is as important as our life and liberty. Our property includes more than land, buildings, or things we possess. Our property begins with our own body, our ideas, our plans and dreams. How can we surrender our God-given rights to life, liberty or property? Pastor "B"

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### **OBITUARIES**

Rex Edmand Shattack, Jr.

Aug. 14, 1922 July 12, 2005

Rex Edmund Shattuck Jr.,
82, of Grayling, passed away
on Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

Rex was born in Grand Rapids, on August 14, 1922, to Edith Marguerite (Lisle) Shattuck and the late Rex Edmund. He married Eleanor A. (McDonald) Shattuck on December 14, 1942 in Grand Rapids.

He served in the Air Force and was employed as an Instructor/Project Manager in the Telecommunications industry. He was an active member of the St. Francis Episcopal Church and enjoyed photography as well as being an amateur radio operator (W8PCY).

He is survived by daughters Susanne Mueller of Grayling, Alice Miller of Lorraine, Ohio, Kay Rau of Wallins Creek, Kentucky; son Roger Shattuck of Marine City; grandchildren Sean, Joshua, Nathaniel, and Timothy Mueller, Kevin Miller, Melissa Parsons, Daniel and Rachel Shattuck, Gillian Thompson, Keith Kovala, Stephanie and Bryan Shattuck, Melanie, Marc, and Jennifer Rau; and 11 great-grandchil-

He was preceded in death by son Rex Earl Shattuck, and grandson Christopher Mueller.

A memorial service was held at St. Francis Episcopal Church with Rev. Elizabeth Chance officiating.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to: "Plant a Tree in Israel" c/o Jewish National Fund, 42 E. 69th Street, New York, NY 10021.

Condolences can be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com

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# Freda Wojcik July 18, 1928 - July 17, 2005 Freda Wojcik, 76, of

Freda Wojcik, 76, of Grayling, died July 17, 2005. She was born on July 18,

1928 to John and Gypsy Dingess in Logan, West Virginia. She married Harry Wojcik on February 23, 1952 in Logan, West Virgina.

Freda was employed as a bookeeper/accountant for Electronic Parts Company in Detroit. She lived in the Harbor Beach Subdivision of Grayling Township for the past six years, and had been visiting the area since 1988. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

She is survived by her daughter Lorre (Thomas) Hanson of Chelsea; son Robert Wojcik of Chicago, Illinois; granddaughter Brittany Hansen, of Chelsea; sister Bernice Gregory of Livonia, and brother Earl Dingess of Albequerque, New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service is scheduled for Monday July 25, 2005 at 1 p.m. with Reverend Father Robert Nalley officiating. The service will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Gaylord, located at 606 N. Ohio Street.

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Edward Ralph Durga

April 25, 1943 - July 12, 2005

Edward Ralph Durga, 62, of

Grayling, passed away on

Tuesday, July 12, 2005.

Edward was born in Traverse City, on April 25, 1943, to Evelyn "June" (Nelson) and Joseph E. Durga of Eckerman. He married Barbara Coaty on September 23, 1961 in Frederic.

He was a landlord, dirt salesman, and wealth collector. He was a member of the Grayling Eagle, and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, fishing, trips to Florida, camping, Nascar racing, and collecting railroad lanterns.

He is survived by his children Julie (Alan) Fagan and Edward "Chip" Durga, both of Grayling; grandchildren Monique and Travis Fagan, Lynzee and Dilan Durga, and David Jorgenson; brothers Douglas Durga of Burton, Daniel (Gina) Durga of Flint, Roger (Betty) Durga of Bowling Green, Indiana; sisters Kay (Ray) Williams of Crosby, Texas and Linda (Mike) Ackerman of Avon Park, Florida; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was proceded in death by his mother, two sisters, Carol Durga and Edna Stiehl, and brother Elgin Durga.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 15, 2005, with Pastor Steven Thiel officiating. Condolences can be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com Arrangements by Sorenson-

Lockwood Funeral Home.

Bernice O. Hilton

June 3, 1909 - June 7, 2005

Bernice O. Hilton, 96, passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2005.

Bernice was born on June 3,

A memorial service will be held Sunday, July 24, 2005, at 3 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Schrenholz officiating

Maurice F. Alma,
May 15, 1917 - July 17, 2005
Maurice F. Alma, 88, of
Frederic, died July 17, 2005, at
at his home. Maurice was born to
Charles and Mary (Labay) Alma
on May 15, 1917, in South
Branch. On April 27, 1937 he
married the former Ruby Weaver.

Maurice worked several general labor jobs throughout his working years. He spent eight years at the U.S. Plywood Plant. His last job before retirement was as a school bus driver for the Crawford AuSable School District. He was also a member of the Goodard Bible Church of South Branch.

He is survived by sons Alan D. Alma of Gaylord and Rex (Marilyn) Alma of Frederic; daughter Alma S. Smith of Odessa, Texas; 22 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and a sister Viola (Olive) Parrish.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, daughter RoseMary (Gayle) Bradstreet, three sons Maurice L. (Carol), Mike L. (Cindy) and Charles Otis Alma, as an infant, 1 grandson, 3 great-grandsons, and 9 brothers and sisters.

Services were held on Wednesday July 20, 2005 at First Baptist Church of Frederic with Pastor Dale Hammond officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.sorensonlockwood.com

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### In Memory of

Dorothy Wood

July 25, 2004

Your love and laughter brightened our world. To our sweet mother. Rest in peace, you are missed a lot. Love you and will never be forgotten. Its been one year, you're in our hearts.

Our love, daughters, Bev Ziehm and Betty Theut

### SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, July 22 - Lunch - meatloaf, augratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, and fruit salad. No dinner. 1 p.m. Stagette Club and Pantry Bingo.

Monday, July 25 - Lunch - riblet sandwich, coleslaw, carrots, and pears. Dinner - cheese and pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, raw veggies, grapes, and blueberry cobbler. 12 p.m. Stag Club; 1 p.m. Bridge Club; 5:30 p.m. Hangman

Tuesday, July 26 - Lunch - corned beef, cabbage, boiled potatoes, and cake. Dinner - oven fried chicken, baked potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and fruit

cocktail. 10 a.m. exercise class and tenant council meeting; 12:45 p.m. Euchre Club; 5:30 p.m. ice cream social and dance with "The Good Fellows."

Wednesday, July 27 - Lunch - swedish meatballs with noodles. peaches, cauliflower, and pumpkin custard. Dinner - salmon patties, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, and mandarin oranges. 12 p.m. Stag Club; 5:30 p.m. movie "Foxfire" with Jessica Tandy.

Thursday, July 28 - Lunch - vegetable beef stew, pineapple marshmallow, coleslaw, fruited Jell-O. Dinner - zesty seafood pasta, zucchini, broccoli, jellied cranberry pineapple salad. 10 a.m. aerobics and craft class; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. blood pressure checks; 5:30 p.m. Uno-Attack.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale in Grayling.

### RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled for the period of July 21 - 27 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lakes, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the Air National Guard: July 21 - 27.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.). Artillery firing, convoy maneuvers, and small arms firing: July 21 - 23.

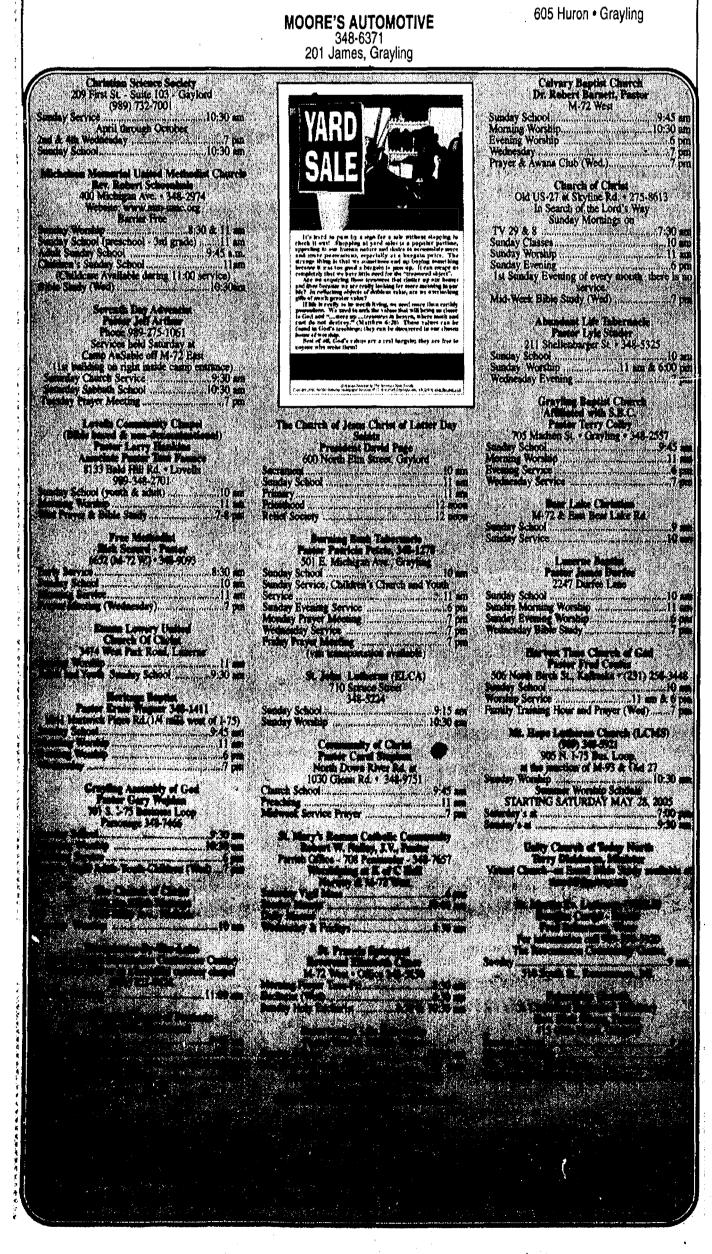
Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek: July 21 - 24 and July 27.

Range 30 Complex located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail: July 21 - 25.

In addition, the following roads will be closed on July 21 - 25: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail, Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Rd., Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd., and Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time. This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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### LIBRARY NEWS

Deverges Memorial Crawford County Library

Two more exciting shows are scheduled on Thursday afternoons in July, as part of the summer reading program, Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds. Acting Up Theater Company will stage their comedy, "A Sword For Thy Book," on July 21 at AuSable Primary School,

Joel Tacey will bring his stiltwalking Extravaganza to the Primary School on July 28. Youngsters who have made stilts at the library workshops are encouraged to bring them along to the show; Joel will provide some other stilts for demonstration and practice. Dr. and Mrs. Doug Slater, in memory of Virginia Clyma and Bonnie Lace Mansfield, sponsor the stiltwalking fun.

Both performances are free, and the public is invited. Shows begin at 1 p.m. in the AuSable Primary School Cafeteria.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are reward days, and students can bring in reading slips on those days to claim their free books and other awards. The summer program will conclude of August 11, with the children's Renaissance Fair, and the Gratitude Steel Band, sponsoled Stephan Construction Company.

Two bikes donated by Birger King, as well as other prizes will be given to participants who have met their reading challenges by August 11. All leading logs and task shields nust be completed and returned by August 12 to qualify for certificates and rewards.

### Honors

Lake Superior State University The United States Achievement Academy announced that Ann Hughes, of Grayling, has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

The United States Achievement Academy has established the All-American Collegiate Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic discithe All-American Collegiate Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

Ann Hughes, who attends Lake Superior State University, will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

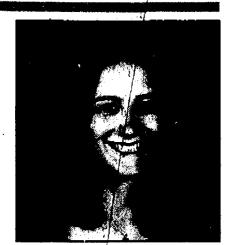
Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. United Certainly, States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Ann is the daughter of Donna and Gary Pettyjohn and Richard Hughes of Grayling.

### University of Dubuque

Levi Burkett received his Bachelor of Science degree in secondary education from the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa on May 14, 2005.

Levi will be student teaching at Wahlert High Schol in Dubuque for the fall semester. He is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School and an alumnus of Kirtland Community College.



Ann/Hughes



Levi Burkett

iscountries to the second Spring Arbor University

Spring Arbor University announces students from the Grayling area that were granted bachelor's or master's degrees during commencement exercises on Saturday, May 14, and they are: Melinda Golnick, of Cadillac, Family Life Education, Cum Laude; Annie Henion, of Frederic, Family Life Education, Cum Laude; and Kerri Piasecki, of Grayling, Elementary Education, Cum Laude.

Spring Arbor University is a private, four-year, Christian liberal arts university located eight miles west of Jackson. With a total enrollment exceeding 3,400, the university is affiliated with the Free methodist Church of North America and is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 104 complaints the week of July 11 - July 17:

Thirteen traffic accidents, three accidents-non traffic, one accident-all other, nine civil matters/family disputes, eight suspicious situations, two lost and found property, 27 general noncriminal, two false alarms, one assault/intimidation/stalking, two burglaries/home invasions,

one larceny of gas, one larcenyother, one motor vehicle theft, five damage to property, one damage-throwing stones, one sex offenses, one liquor offensetransport, 17 public peace/disorderlies, three OUILs, two health and safeties, one conservation, two driving violations-/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are?" For more information, log on to: www.crawfordsheriff.org.

### **HOMETOWNNEWS**

Doria Goll of Dublin, Ohio, spent a week with her grandparents, Bob and Fay Bovee. Her parents, Bruce Goll and Dena Bovee, arrived on July 2 to spend the Fourth weekend with Dena's parents and to enjoy the festivities. Doria returned home with her parents on Tuesday.

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Burkett, Zelenak engaged



Arica Burkett and Art Zelenak

Bruce and Marcella Burkett of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter Arica, to Art Zelenak, son of Arthur and Elizabeth Zelenak of Warren.

Arica is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School and a 2001 graduate of Adrian College. She is employed by Kramer-Triad Management Company of Farmington Hills.

The groom-elect is a 2000 graduate of Hillsdale College and is employed with Quicken Loans of Livonia.

Arica is the granddaughter of Donald Burkett and the late Grace Burkett of Grayling and the late LeRoy and Virginia Millikin of Roscommon. Wedding plans are being made for an April 2006 wedding.

### HOMETOWN NEWS

Jasmine Failing, granddaughter of Jim and Pat Failing, graduated from Arcadia High School in Arcadia, California on June 17, 2005.

Along with her grandparents,

her parents Doug and Yueh-Shen Failing and sister Tiffany attendthe ceremony. Commencement was held at the Santa Anita Race Track with 850 students graduating.

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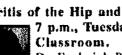
JULY Car Seat Safety Inspections



25 p.m., July 19, in the OMH Classroom. Certified Car Seat Safety Inspectors will fit your car seat in your vehicle and answer your questions. Please call (989) 731-2124 to schedule your inspection. Please let us know if you have multiple

car seats and vehicles to be inspected.

Arthritis of the Hip and Knee



7 p.m., Tuesday, July 19, in the OMH Dr. Prederick Rau, of Alpine Orthopedics, will discuss the latest surgical and non-surgical treatments for arthritis of the knee and hip. Dr.

Rau, will also discuss new minimal incision total and partial joint replacement procedures. Call 732-4700 for more information.

**AUGUST** Joint Ventures



2 p.m. August 4, or 2 p.m. September 8 in the Professional Medical Building classroom. Preparing for major surgery such as Joint Replacement can be overwhelming. There are many issues to think about and several decisions to be

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Journey to Parenthood, Childbirth Education. 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., August 8 (seven weeks) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., July 23 (one day) Expectant parents with a due date in October or November should register for this seven week childbirth preparation

class. Topics that will be covered include lamaze breathing techniques, relaxation, c-section, medical pain management (including epidural anesthesia), labor/delivery, and infant care. A tour of the Birthing Center is included. Please eall soon to pre-register, 731-2124.



5:15 p.m. Aug. 24 through Sept. 28, 2005 in the OMH Professional Medical Building Conference Room. The secret to losing weight and keeping it off cannot be found in a pill or in a short-term diet. The key is making small changes that become permanent, including regular exercise

and portion control. Registered Dictician. Eileen Mikus is the instructor. The cost is \$60 per person. For information or to register, leave a detailed message at (989) 731-7979. A registered dictitian will return your call.

**SEPTEMBER** 

Freedom From Smoking (FFS)



7 p.m. Wednesday, September 7 Daria Edwards is a certified Freedom From Smoking instructor. This is a 6 week program to help make quitting smoking a less stressful experience. Sessions are about 1.5 hours. The cost is \$40 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call 731-2193.

Neurological Disorders: A Discussion & Overview



7 p.m. September 21 in the OMH Classroom. Emilio Gatti, M.D. discuses Epilepsy, Multiple Sclerosis., seizure disorder, stroke, Parkinson Disease, migraine headaches, EMG, BEG and MRI testing and more. Dr. Gatti is a Board Certified neurologist with the OMH Medical Group. Call

(989) 731-2193. For appointments with Dr. Gatti call 731-7870.

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Childbirth Education Coordinator at (989) 731-2124 to register or for information on Breastfeeding classes, childbirth education, "I'm the Big Kid, Now" sibling preparation class, and for the schedule of Car Seat Safety Inspections and Infant and Child CPR classes.

Diabetes Self Management Education Classes. An ongoing series designed to help those living with or recently diagnosed with diabetes to manage the disease and live a fulfilling life. Series covers the basics, risks of complications, medications, physical activity, meal plans, foot care and more. Call (989) 731-2194 for information and a class schedule.

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### Oak mortality on the rise in Crawford County

Continued from Page 1A spread the disease through the interconnected root system, making one infected oak a threat to all oaks that surround it.

According to Thiel, there is no question that oak wilt is present in Crawford County. It was known to exist on the Roscommon-Crawford border in the past and may have spread from there.

The next big question: is oak wilt an isolated problem or an epidemic?

"There's quite a few things out there that kill oak trees," said Chris Nieman, resource consultant for the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District. Nieman and Thiel agreed that, for the time being at least, most oak death in Crawford County seems to be the result of oak decline.

"At this point, most of the oak that I've seen dying is from natural causes," said Thiel. Nieman likened this process to the final stages of the human life cycle. If a young person gets a cold, it's no problem. If an elderly person gets a cold, that person's

weakened immune system suffers much more. It could result in pneumonis and death.

The same holds true in the plant world. The truth is, many of the oaks in Crawford Gounty are reaching the end of their natural life cycle, says Thiel.

"Most of the oak death that you are seeing is because the trees are old," said Thiel. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the logging industry in the area had finished. A new generation of oaks began to grow where the land had been leveled. The kind of oaks seen in Crawford County have a life span of about 90 years. It is now the year 2005.

Elderly oaks, like elderly people, have diminished defenses and are quick to die off.

Part of the reason Crawford County residents are seeing so many trees die this summer, specifically, is due to another factor- drought.

"Oak decline is a series of different problems, including drought," said Nieman. This is the second summer in a row with very little rain in the counry. This has weakened oaks and, in some cases, diminished their bility to produce the sap that is wed to trap invading insects.

These factors have been shapingarea forests for thousands of years and are nothing to be too conferned about. Yet oak wilt, while not the common cause of oak nortality presently, runs the risk of becoming a much more serious problem. How much so?

"Very high risk," said Thiel. If not carefully contained, oak wilt could level entire areas in a very short time span.

"With pak wilt, it's pretty rapid," said Nieman. Trees infected in the spring are found dead in the summer. Worst of all, the probem can be very difficult to contin.

"When you cut an oak tree down, that makes it worse," said Thiel. Removing a single dead oak will only lilow the disease to spread from fungus that remains in the dead wood. If an oak is found to be infected, nearby oaks may also need to be properly destroyed (see "Preventing Oak Wilt" in this issue).

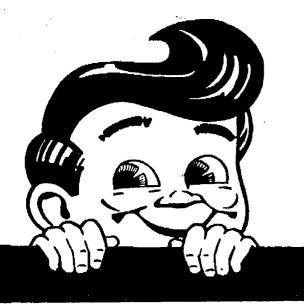
"A lot of people are very territorial and they don't want to cut
down their trees until they die,"
said Thiel. Thiel knows of at
least one residential area that
sadly lost all of its oaks due to
slow action on the part of its residents. To prevent the contraction of oak wilt in the first place,
she strongly recommends that
no pruning of oaks be done from
the beginning of April all the
way until the beginning of
September.

Of course, private residents are not the only ones who might cause damage. Recently, electric companies have been clearing trees, including oaks, that have been growing close to power lines in Grayling. Nieman and Thiel agree that this is a very bad idea. Any kind of damaged tree is far more likely to contract and spread the disease. It is likely that those power companies are putting the county at even greater risk, especially when this area has so much to lose.

"If you look at Hanson Hills and all those areas, it's just solid oak," said Thiel.



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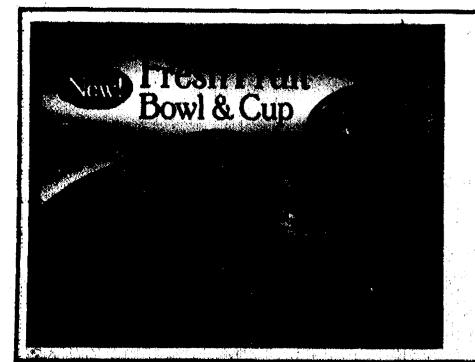
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# Lawinakers seek post Labor Day school start

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in July 2005 found that 60 percent of voters supported starting schools after Labor Day, while 23 percent were in opposition and 17 percent were undecided.

"Starting school after Labor Day will also help Michigan's tourism industry," Gaffney said. "Tourism and the service industry are the fastest growing portion of our economy. Shopping in a hometown gives extra value. For every dollar spent in a community, it is re-spent several times over before it leaves that

Tourism officials, who have applauded the introduction of the bill, said that schools starting before Labor Day limits summer travel opportunities for families. hinders the ability to retain seasonal employees during the last remaining weeks of the summer tourism season and reduces business income.

Jim Humes, the owner of Penrod's Canoe Rental, said he relies a crew of 10 to 12 employees during the summer and says he loses business when he loses employees.

"Our season gets shorter every year, and it seems like government is always making it tougher on us," Humes said. "This is something that we definitely support and are in favor of."

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Borcher's AuSable Canocing and Bed and Breakfast, said it is vital to keep experienced employees at the business rather than find replacements for the busy Labor Day weekend

These are the people that are trained, they know what to expect and they know what the guests need," Hunter said.

Dean Smith, the general man- in 1999, legislation was passed ager of the Holiday Inn of Grayling and co-owner of AuSable Gifts, said Labor Day weekend business accounts for 10 to 15 percent of business done during the busy summer tourism season.

"Having that long weekend gives families that extra shot at summer before the weather starts to change, so having school start later would have more of an impact," Smith said.

The first day of school for the upcoming school year for the Crawford AuSable School District is scheduled for Monday, August 29, which is a weekend before the September 5, Labor

Crawford AuSable School District Superintendent Milli Haug said she had no problem with state officials addressing when school starts.

"The kids will be able to stay at the canoe liveries a little longer and all that good stuff and hopefully it will help our community," Haug said. "I think this

This is not the first time state lawmakers have tried to address the school calender.

In the 1997-1998 legislative session, a bill was defeated which would have required schools district to ensure that the school year does not begin before the Tuesday after Labor Day.

which prohibited schools from holding classes on the Friday before Labor Day for three years, beginning with the 2000-01 school year, A public act was passed in 2001, extending the prohibition against holding classes on the Friday before Labor Day indefinitely.

Legislation which would have mandated a post Labor Day school start was passed out of the House Committee on Commerce during the 2003-04 Legislative Session, but ultimately was never taken up by the full House.

Other states have various ways to addressing the start of the school year.

Minnesota prohibits schools from beginning prior to September 1, but does make exceptions for districts going through large construction or remodeling projects.

Wisconsin prohibits the school year from beginning prior to September 1, but does allow athletic events and practices and teacher in-service days to be held prior to September 1.

Virginia requires local achool boards to set a school calender with a starting date after Labor Day.

In 2003, Missouri repealed statutory language which required schools to start after September 1, thereby leaving the start date up to the discretion of local school boards.

While legislation is supported by tourism, restaurant and hotel and motel associations, school officials and related organizations have vowed to adamantly lobby against the bill.

Justin King, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, said the issue is one that should be addressed at the local level with citizen input and not be mandated by state officials.

"If you force people to stay in school and at home clear into June, you're robbing them at one end of the tourism season and taking away from the other end," King said.

King argued that tourism officials should have to produce data on how a post Labor Day school start would impact business. He added that state officials may want to explore other means to help the tourism business since most resorts begin to shut down around August 15 when college students return to campus.

"Maybe, if they want to look at something, they should look at higher education," King said.

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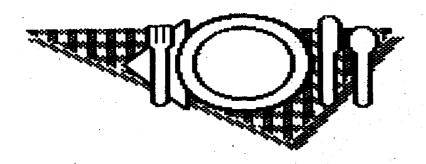
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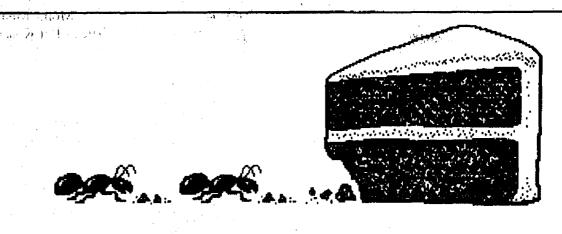
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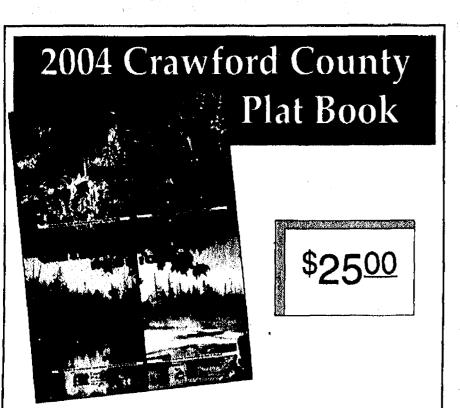
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# New business optimistic despite theft.

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

New businesses continue to crop up in Grayling this summer, with Becroft Motor Sales being the latest entry. This used car sales business opened at the former location of Milltown Feed and Lawn on the corner of M-72 West and Old Dam Road, across from the Ole Dam Party Store, earlier this month.

"Everybody needs a car, man," said John Yeubanks, manager of the Grayling branch. The business is owned by Jack Becroft, who recently opened the Grayling branch after the success of Becroft Motor Sales in Gaylord.

"We are here for the customer. There's one guy I can think ofhe's probably bought over 30 cars from me," said Becroft. Becroft opened his first dealership in 1975, and in the 30 years that he has been in business, he has succeeded in generating much repeat business with satisfied customers.

"Jack's a guy that's probably been kicking around the idea for a long time," said Yeubanks. Becroft seized the opportunity to open a second branch of his used car business after the property became available.

"We have a lot of people that come from Grayling," said Becroft. "We saw that there was a need...you've got to be close to where you're selling cars."

One of the main selling points that makes this new dealership stand out is that it offers in-house financing for all sales. The staff also do their best to make this program available to customers with poor credit or no credit.

We try to keep a wide range for everybody," said Yeubanks. The dealership also offers a wide variety of both vehicles and



Branch Manager John Yeubanks stands in front of one of the many vehicles the dealership has for sale. Unfortunately, one of these cars was stolen and destroyed in the dealership's first week.

prices. There are over 60 vehicles currently being sold on the lot, ranging in price from \$2000 to \$15,000. Some cars are just a couple years old, while at least one is a refurbished, vintage, 1975 model vehicle. At press time, about a dozen cars had already been sold in the three weeks since the dealership had opened.

"It's a good location," said Yeubanks. Despite this early success, the opening was mired

by a car theft in the first week. The perpetrator apparently and stole the keys to a used vehicle from the office desk. The

vehicle was later discovered in

the county abandoned and burned. The car was completely destroyed.

"I kind of expected some problems," said Becroft. He said that, in the past, another dealer from Gaylord had attempted to open a branch in Grayling, only to face similar problems. That dealer eventually closed shop. Becroft, however, says he will not give up so easily.

"That's not going to scare me off," said Becroft. He is offering a \$1000 reward for the identities of those responsible for the broke into the dealership office crime. In the meantime, the dealership staff have not allowed the incident to overshadow an otherwise positive debut in the work with," said Yeubanks.

Grayling community.

"Despite all the things that happened here so far, I think the Grayling community welcomed us with open arms," said Yeubanks.

The staff are currently in the planning stages of remodeling the office interior, which was formerly a pet store. "I like adventures, I guess. I

like to work it from the ground up. It's a good challenge," said Yeubanks. "We'll definitely fix up the building a little more."

In the meantime, there are still plenty of cars to be sold.

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# AuSable Gifts host Harry Potter premiere

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

This summer has been filled with big movie premieres, but when was the last time anyone ever heard of a midnight opening for a book? Harry Potter excitement has inspired Grayling locals and visitors to pick up the new book at a time when most people would be too tired to read anyway.

"Harry Potter coming out- it was a big deal everywhere," said Lori Smith, who owns AuSable Gifts in partnership with Kris Madill. The two hosted a Harry Potter book sale at 12:01 a.m. Saturday morning.

The owners said they were interested in doing the premiere because many vacationing families do not have access to the big bookstores they may be used to. The sale also ensured that locals would have access to the book at the same time as people in bigger cities.

"There were kids lined up outside," said Smith.

Dozens pre-ordered the book to be picked up at the midnight sale. A few avid fans even camped out in front of the store for hours in order to be the very

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first to get their hands on the book, proving that the magic of reading can still capture the imagination as strongly as the force of cinema.

In order to celebrate the event. AuSable gifts was decorated in wizard themed decor. There was a Harry Potter trivia game, magic brownies and eyeball punch.

"One hour and I was done." said Smith. By 1 a.m., 41 copies of Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince had been sold. The few remaining copies that AuSable Gifts had in stock were sold later that morning,

Attending the event were Harry Potter fans of all agesincluding parents, kids and even young adults, indicating that J.K. Rowling's works are cool no matter what your age is.

"I just think it's a fun book. She tells a very good tale," said Smith. Actually, she tells a tale that was good enough to earn the author \$36 million in profits in the book's first day of release. According to the most recent Forbes billionaire list, she is the 552nd richest person in the world, worth approximately \$1 billion overall.

Smith and Madill also donated



Photo courtesy of Kris Madill

Joni Welsh (left) and Shantina Jacobs wait patiently in line. These local Harry Potter fans began camping out in front of AuSable Gifts as early as 9 p.m. Friday night to get their hands on a copy of the new book. "It was amazing," said Welsh, who finished the book in a day and a half.

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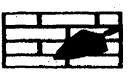
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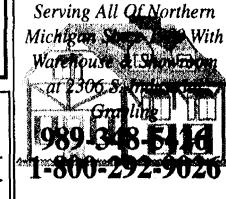
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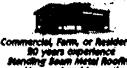
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# Nelson Computers & Electronics opened by local computer wiz

by Matt Seager Staff Writer

Grayling's technology sector has recently expanded with the opening of Nelson Computers & Electronics, a new business which aims to provide solutions for the computer needs of individuals, businesses and organizations.

The business, which opened in the spring, is located in the Century 21 building next to K-Mart. To access Nelson's office, go into the building through the main entrance.

"I've tinkered with electronics since I was about twelve," said Rvan Nelson. His business specializes in computer repair, sales, upgrades and "setting up whatever it is that people need." This last category includes networking and complicated software installation. What kind of job is Nelson most often called in on?

"Most of the time it's problems with software related things," said Nelson. Whether a client has a troublesome virus or a complete system failure, Nelson is ready to help in an emergency. He is able to check his voice mail from outside his office, so he is able to respond to computer disasters beyond his regular business hours.

"If someone wanted help at 1 in the morning it would cost them more...but I'm not going to turn anybody down for business," said Nelson. Nelson prides himRyan Nelson runs his business out of the Century 21 building next to K-Mart. "I'd like to expand as much as I can and keep on adding new abilities," said Nelson. town when he was in the third

self on his ability to quickly respond to customers' concerns. With his business, clients don't have to wait days for someone to return their calls.

"That's one thing that I've got several comments from customers on," said Nelson. Part of Nelson's swift customer service may stem from his overall enthusiasm for the computer business.

"What a perfect job for mesomething that I'll probably never get tired of. It's always going to be fun," said Nelson. "It's enjoyable to be working with computers and having my own business."

Nelson grew up in Grayling after his family moved to the

grade. Although he lived out of state for some time, Nelson eventually decided that Grayling was the place to start his new busi-

"It feels really good to be part of the town," said Nelson. He said that the greatest challenge of running his own computer business has little to do with finances or inventory.

"The most challenging thing in my own mind is my fear of not being able to take care of someone," said Nelson. He said that he has yet to face this fear. Things are going well enough, in fact, that the owner is already considering ways in which he

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"I'd eventually like to have a store front and an inventory of parts," said Nelson. "I would also like to offer web design and have my brother (Travis Nelson) be the web designer."

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"I genuinely care about the customer. I want to help everyone - it's not just about making a buck for me," said Nelson. "If someone has a problem, I want to help them fix it so they can do what they need to do."

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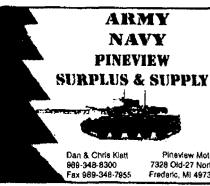
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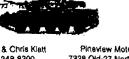
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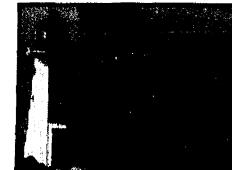
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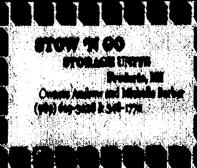
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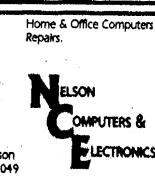
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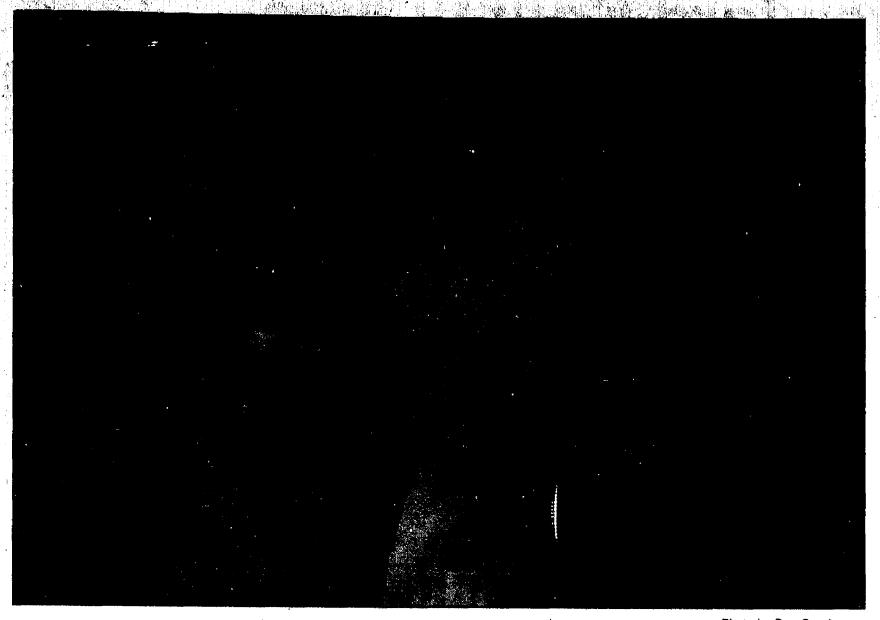
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Diego Goldar, an exchange student from Bragado, Argentina who attended Grayling High School for his senior year through the Rotary Exchange program, bid farewell to the Grayling Rotary Club last week. Goldar, pictured above with Norm Schmook, the president of Grayling Rotary, was hosted by Mike Shearer and Sue and Kurt Jansen and family.

### Area high school students take honors in writing contest

Four Grayling and two. Roscommon High School students, who were awarded first and second place, finished in the Seventh Annual AuSable Sponsored by the Anglers of the AuSable, a conservation organization, the contest was open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders from Grayling,

theme "AuSable River Words." Three writing categories were judged: poetry, non-fiction, and

Jennifer Emmons, Grayling River Words writing contest. High School, took top honors in fiction with her entry, "The Council," Jessica Pfaff, Grayling High School, was first non-fiction "Grandfather River," and Jeff Roscommon, Mio-AuSable and Hutchins, Roscommon High Oscoda High Schools. The topic School, took first place in poetof the entries was based on the ry with "Seasons of the River."

All three were recipients of a plaque and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond.

Other winners were: Ashley Isaacsen, Grayling H.S., second place, fiction; James Jansen, Grayling H.S., second place, non-fiction; and Katie Miller, Roscommon H.S., second place poetry. Second place winners were the recipients of a plaque and a \$150 U.S. Savings Bond.

The contest was created with the hope that it would stir young citizens of the greater AuSable watershed to be more aware of the beautiful environs just beyond their backyards.

The Anglers of the AuSable will sponsor a 2006 contest beginning February 1, 2006. Interested students from the above mentioned schools should contact their English Department chair or visit the Anglers' website www.ausableanglers.org.

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### **DRAGON EGG HUNTING**



The Crawford County Library System held a Harry Potter Celebration to mark the release of J.K. Rowling's sixth book, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince." About 50 children attended the youth program, where children were quizzed about Harry Potter trivia. They also took part in the reading of an interactive story and received dozens of prizes. Above, this little girl returns from a Dragon Egg Hunt as youth snagged dozens of prizes placed on the AuSable School playground.

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# Author to introduce children's book to the Crawford County area

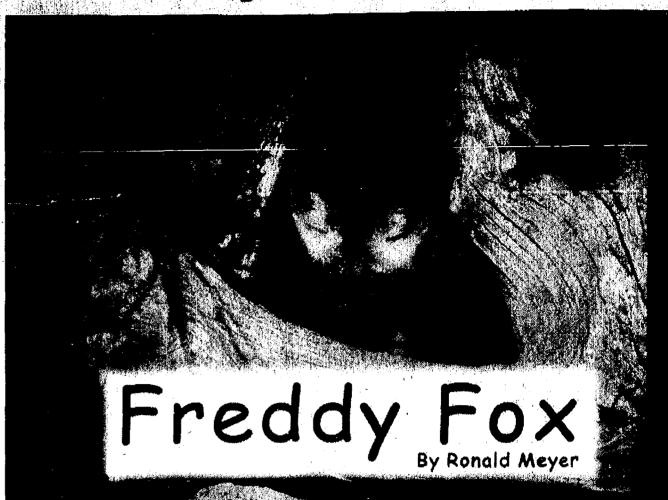
Ron Meyer, photographic artist/author has been rated as one of Michigan's top five wildlife photographers. He will. introduce his first children's book Freddy Fox, to the Crawford County area at a book signing during the AuSable River Festival Arts & Craft Show, July 29 and 30. There will also be a limited gallery showing which

will feature the wildlife photography of Ron Meyer.

Freddy Fox is the story of a young fox and his family. The story follows the daily activities of a fox kit and the lessons he learns from the other animals. All of the lessons can easily be translated into lessons for young children, such as eating a balanced diet, watch where you walk, wash your hands before eating, etc. Freddy Pox is a wonderful family story for everyone to share.

Ron has been a wildlife photographer for many years; he has collected thousands of wildlife photographs and authored books such as Nature is Your Studio. Ron has now authored his first children's book, Freddy Fox. He uses his photographs to illustrate the story of the fox kit and the lessons he learns. Many parents and grandparents hope to impart these lessons to their children and grandchildren.

Ron states "I wrote Freddy Fox with my grandson, Teddy, in mind. His reaction to the book was surprising. It is hard to believe that a child only 26 months could follow the story or even stay in one place long enough to look at the pictures. The first day he had the book read to him three times. Three days later he asked for it and had it read to him five times. Months later he still asks for someone to read it to him."



Freddy Fox is intended to be an early reader. The thought is that the big bright pictures help keep the interest of children as they are introduced to the story and the idea of reading. It turns out the pictures are enjoyed by adults as well. Everyone that saw Freddy Fox, in its early stages, encouraged Ron to publish it. Ann Venier, a middle school science teacher in the Oak Park School District said, "Not only am I going to buy a copy for each of my grandchildren, but I also will keep a copy for my sixth grade students to learn from. I feel Freddy Fox is an excellent tool for elementary teachers, as well."

Copies of the book will be available at the art fair.

Meyer, grew up on Detroit's northwest side in a family loved the out-of-doors. They rescued injured and orphaned wild animals; rehabilitating and releasing them. Meyers wife, Diana, is the daughter of a veterinarian.

Ron who spent many days of his youth in Northern Michigan. recalls, "Some of my earliest memories are of my family swimming and/or fishing in the AuSable River. My Aunt Esther and Uncle Jim Oliphant have a cottage between Mio and McKinley. I remember the excitement when Aunt Esther caught her first trout. Some of the trips were my whole family visiting the Oliphant family. On other trips I was lucky enough to be invited to go by myself with Aunt Esther and Uncle Jim's family.x

Sometimes Dad would take his boys (my older brothers Ted and Tom and myself) on our own and we would camp above and/or below the Mio dam. We used tube sinkers filled with raw liver to catch crayfish below the dam. They were large enough that we boiled and ate them like lobster. The four of us would drift rivers including the AuSable, Rifle and Pine in Dads eleven foot, homemade, cedar ribbed boat.

Mio served as our home base for most trips. Dad would drive from Luzerne to Glennie and from Rose City to Atlanta.

Ron Meyer, photographic artist/author Some trips Dad drove the circle of Grayling, Harrison, Standish, Alpena, Gaylord and back to Mio stopping at every river or creek that we drove past. We would put our bed rolls next to the car at the last place where we stopped to fish. We caught speckled trout in creeks so small we could step across them. In those early days Dad would joke that he didn't know how I baited my hook because I had a fishing pole in one hand and a camera in the

There were other trips up north with my Dad's parents, Oma and Opa (German for Grandma & Grandpa). Oma put us kids to work picking blueberries while Opa fished. The blueberries grew wild in some of her favorite places. In other places we picked and purchased the berries from farmers. Sometimes we had so many bushels of blueberseemed like they tasted better knowing I had helped pick them."

since 1963. His first professional work was when he was just 13 years old shooting weddings and working for Copy Craft Inc. At

Meyer has been a photographer

16; he was hired into the Detroit Suburban Newspaper chain as a photographers' assistant. By the time he was 18; he was manager of the photographic department, Later he worked for the Federal Government traveling with the Apollo 15 astronauts and with then President Richard Nixon as a photographer in the security

In the early 70's, Ron and his wife, Diana, decided to settle in Berkley, and opened a records management and consulting firm. Meyer found his love of the out of doors and animals combined! itself with photography. He has traveled from the Gulf of Mexico to Northern Canada photographing animals in natural settings. He has used the profits from the sale of his wildlife photographs to purchase equipment for a

wildlife infirmary. The Meyers formed Nature's' Beauty Inc. to distribute Ron's art. Meyer's art has been shipped to many galleries! through out the United States and Canada. Interior decorators also feature Nature's Beauty Inc. art in their collections. Ron's work is hung in homes, cottages, resorts and corporate offices Ron's art has been printed in many magazines and books including adorning the covers.

### ries that the four or five of us would have to ride home in the front seat sitting on each others laps. Once we got them home Oma would can the berries. It

### Income limit to defer summer taxes modified

Michigan General Property Tax Act has been amended with Public Act 24 of 2005 to allow certain citizens, including senior citizens, veterans and persons with disabilities, to defer their summer property taxes if they have a household income below \$35,000. The previous income level for deferment was \$25,000.

At the beginning of July, treas-

urers across the state mailed property tax bills, including information regarding property tax deferrals based on the previous \$25,000 income limit. It has since been determined by the state that the new \$35,000 income limit will be used in this year's summer property tax col-

To qualify for the deferment under the new qualifying income

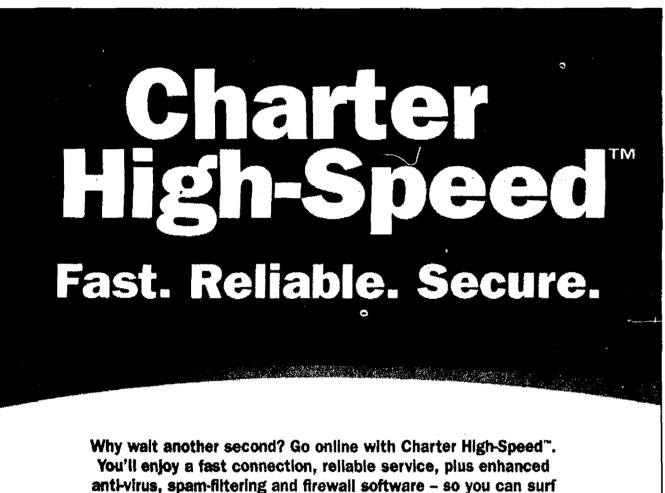
limit, a resident must meet one or more of the following conditions as defined by the State Income Tax Act:

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• Is 62 years of age or older, including the unremarried surviving spouse of a person who? was 62 years of age or older at the time of death.

Residents who believe they qualify under the new limit and wish to defer their summer property taxes can obtain an Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes from the treasurer of their local property tax collecting unit. Collection of the approved deferred taxes will be delayed until the winter property. taxes are due.





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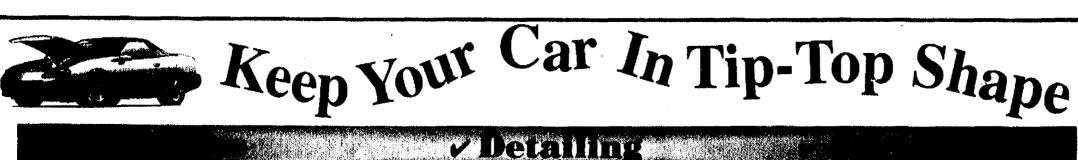
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Sitting in the original desks in the Kellogg Lone Pine School in Lovells Township are the last remaining children of Ed and Bessie Kellogg, Guy Kellogg and Helen Proux. The school will be dedicated to the family on August 6.

# Lovells township historical society dedicates the Kellogg Lone Pine School

Guy Kellogg and Helen Proux are the last remaining children of Ed and Bessie Kellogg. Pictured to the right, they are seated in two of the original desks in the Kellogg Lone Pine School. The school is part of the Lovells Township Historical Society exhibits located behind the Lovells Township Hall.

Lovells Township Historical society will dedicate this school on August 6, at 1 p.m., to all the Kelloggs, past and present, who learned to read, write, and acquire math skills in this building this building.

"It is through families who took the chance and were endowed with the pioneer spirit

that our area was inhabited. It was 1907 when Gustav Ernst and Ed Kellogg completed the school building. It was located on the North Branch of the AuSable River at Jackson Hole," said JoAnn Smith, president of the School." historical society.

Jackson Hole would be about came through from the state Miss an one and a half mile walk up Love was hired to be the first river for Ernst and the many teacher of the Lone Pine School. Kellogg children, but it was the most centrally located spot for the growing number of youngsters along the river.

"The logs felled for the school were tamarack. Ed believed these logs would last forever, added Smith. Gustav suggested calling it "The Lone Pine School" since

### **National Guard homeland security** preparedness continues

unit of the Michigan National Guard recently demonstrated their first responder capabilities to the Michigan State Police as part of ongoing statewide homeland security preparedness.

The 51st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), based near Battle Creek, shared their military training on the properties, effects and symptoms of chemical and biological warfare; recognizing potential WMD eyents; and WMD first response actions.

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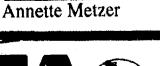
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> The 51st is the Michigan National Guard's only full-time unit and is not subject to an overseas deployment.

> Today, nearly 2,000 Michigan National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are deployed across the globe, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (rotation #3); however, as the Michigan Guard serves the nation, more than 9,000 members remain, in reserve and ready to respond to state emergencies.

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1. Fran Upton & Debbie Kear

### Women's Low Net

1. Mo McNamara

& Sherry Hanson

2. Victoria Stark & Sandra Chrispell

3. Fran Upton & Debbie Kear

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Dustin Pizzi, who was diagnosed with lymphoblastic lymphoma in September 2004, went to Hawaii in June on a trip funded by the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan. Pictured above from right to left are Dustin, sister

### Cassie, friend Jessie Uricek, mother Gaye, and sister Tiffany. Youth goes on Make A Wish trip

by Dan Sanderson Staff Writer

A 17-year-old Grayling High School student who is nearing his treatment for cancer recently got to hang loose in Hawaii.

Dustin Pizzi, who was diagnosed with lymphoblastic lymphoma in September 2004, went to Hawaii in June on a trip funded by the Make A Wish Foundation of Michigan. His mother, Gaye, sisters, Cassie and Tiffany, and friend, Jesse Uricek joined him on his adven-

is still undergoing chemotherapy as a precautionary measure and his treatment

October.

With an interest in exotic fish, it has always been a dream for Dustin to travel to Hawaii.

The trip started with a limousine ride to the Cherry Capital Airport in Traverse City to catch a flight to Maui.

While on the island, Dustin and his companions were able to take a helicopter ride over a volcano; they also went on a submarine ride, which were two of his top wishes. They also went diving and snorkeling, took a ride on ATVs through the moun-Dustin, who is now cancer tains, and were treated to dinner on the Pacific Ocean where hula dancers performed.

"It was everything I expected program is due to end in and more," Dustin said. "As bad

as the experience has been with cancer, it has been amazing the people that I have met and things I have got to do."

Dustin said he appreciated that his family and friend were able to join him on his trip.

"They have been my top supporters so I am glad they had a chance to experience Hawaii with me," he said...

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The national Make A Wish Make a Wish Foundation of Foundation was founded in Phoenix in 1980, after 7-yearold Christopher realized his dream to become an honorary patrolman, complete with his own uniform and badge.

> Make-A-Wish Foundation now has 74 chapters in the United States and its territories and 38 international affiliates.

# United Way Board appoints new Executive Director

Crawford County United Way (CCUW) announce that their search for an Executive Director, replacing former Executive Director, April Brunner, has ended. Board members have contracted Linda Williams, a Crawford County resident and a 30 year self-employed business owner to serve as their chief administrative officer.

Williams' duties will be to implement the policies and programs of the CCUW. She will be responsible for carrying out the work of the organization and its essential functions and assume direct responsibility to continue existing fund-raising initiatives and developing new initiatives.

The Executive Director is the

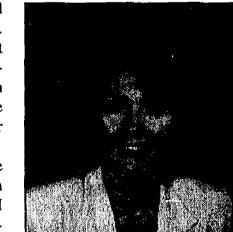
The Board of Directors of the CCUW's ambassador in the community, working closely with our many generous member donors and member beneficiaries of the CCUW allocation pro-

> She will be recruiting and developing volunteer leaders in the community and maintaining relationships with other area organizations and members of local government.

> Williams owns and operates Beaver Creek Ranch, in Crawford County, home of North Country Pet Resort and her Alpaca breeding farm. She has lived in Crawford County since 1995 and originally hails from Howell. She considers herself retired, at this point, to a quieter life-style in Northern Michigan.

Her life work was owning and operating Pet Care Services, Inc. for 25 years, one of the largest pet cemeteries and pet crematories in the state. She has been actively involved in many large organizational events during her years in southern Michigan.

"I am very happy to accept the responsibilities of this job with the CCUW." said Williams. "I believe my knowledge of marketing and business finances as well as my experience of working with individuals from all walks of life has amply prepared me for this opportunity. To have a job at this point of my life that gives me the opportunity to give back to my community as well as make a positive impact on other's well being; is truly an honor. I



Linda Williams

look forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting the job done."

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### Eighth annual golf outing raises thousands for Hospice patients in Roscommon and **Crawford Counties**

Members of the Dick Dworzynski Golf Outing Board of Directors recently presented a check for \$19,076 to Hospice of Michigan. The funds were raised at the eighth annual Dick Dworzynski Golf Outing for Hospice held on June 18 at Burning Oak Country Club in Higgins Lake. Support for the tournament came from 160 golfers, and more than 230 hole sponsors and in-kind donors.

Dworzynski Roscommon died in January 1996 at age 52 of lung and brain cancer. Hospice of Michigan helped him enjoy his remaining days at home with his wife and three children. After his death, a group of friends decided to 'launch a golf tournament in his memory, to benefit other hospice

In the past eight years, this tournament has raised more than \$107,000 for Hospice of Michigan patients and their families. The funds are used to support Hospice of Michigan's commitment to "open access" care for all who need it, regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

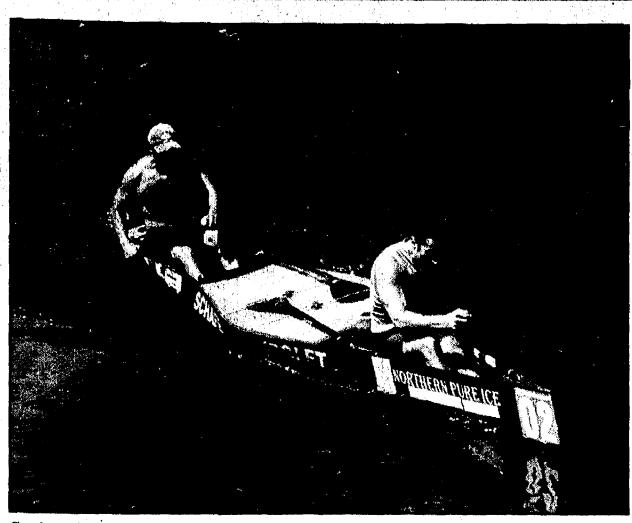
Members of the outing's Board of Directors include: Bob and Sue Alexander, Bob and Karen Cronin, Vaughn and Betty Davis, Julie and Ron Peters, Mike and Phyllis Ward, and Gordon and Robin Willis.

The continued financial support of the Dick Dworzynski Golf Outing makes a significant impact to the patients, families and communities in Roscommon and Crawford Counties.

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Sprints for position for this year's Spike's Challenge C-2 race will be conducted on Saturday, July 23, starting at 10 a.m. at the City Park.



Spike's Challenge C-2 race teams enter the AuSable River at Ray's during last year's race start. The 2005 C-2 race begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 24.

# Spike's Challenge sprints, races to be held this weekend

 $\blacksquare$  C-1 race and C-2 sprints for position to be held Saturday, C-2 race set for Sunday

For many paddlers, this weekend's Spike's Challenge Paddlers' Tribute canoe races will serve as warm-ups for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, a 120-mile race from Grayling to Oscoda that will be conducted the following weekend. For others, it's an opportunity to compete against fellow paddlers and get a taste of what the AuSable Marathon has to offer.

The Spike's Challenge C-2 race runs from Ray's Canoe Livery to McMasters Bridge, and begins with paddling teams running through the streets of Grayling with their canoes before launching their crafts into the river. The winning teams reach the finish line in 2.5 to 3 hours. McMasters Bridge is the fourth checkpoint of the AuSable Marathon – a race that has a total of 15 checkpoints. The Spike's Challenge C-2 race course represents the first onequarter (approximately) of the 120-mile AuSable Marathon.

"It's a great tune-up for the Marathon," said Tim Zigila, AuSable River Canoe Marathon Committee Co-Chair. "We're glad to have Spike's back as sponsor of the race."

For canoe racing fans, the Spike's Challenge offers an opportunity to see paddlers navigate the first one-quarter of the AuSable Marathon course during daylight hours. (The AuSable Marathon starts at 9 p.m. and most of the race is paddled during nighttime hours.)

"It's a great race to watch for spectators because they can see a lot of what the Marathon's about. It's three hours of the Marathon in daylight," Zigila said. "Spectators can see feeders doing a feed (usually at Wakeley Bridge). (The race) gives a good overall view of what the teams do."

The Spike's Challenge C-2 race starts with sprints for position on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 10 a.m. During sprints, Continued on Page 5B

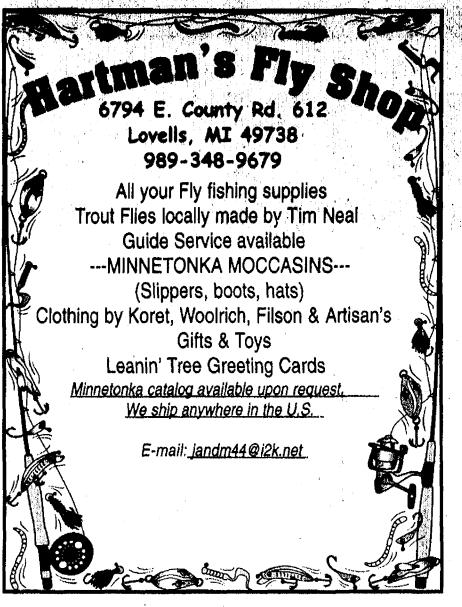
See "SPIKE'S..."



The 2004 Spike's Challenge C-2 race gets under way with the first teams reaching the AuSable River at Ray's. The event features a running start similar to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon.



Racers paddle away from the starting line at Borchers Canoe Livery in last year's Spike's Challenge C-1 race. The 2005 C-1 event will start at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at Borchers.



# Registration begins for annual youth cance race

Young people to race eight miles from Borchers to Burton's on Friday, July 29

Registration is now open for the 2005 Casey Challenge - an annual eight-mile canoe race for young people ages 12-17 that will start at Borchers Canoe Livery on Friday, July 29, at 10

The race, which includes four divisions, runs from Borchers to Burton's Landing. Teams finish between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. Divisions include: girls 12-17, boys 16-17, boys 14-15, and boys 12-13.

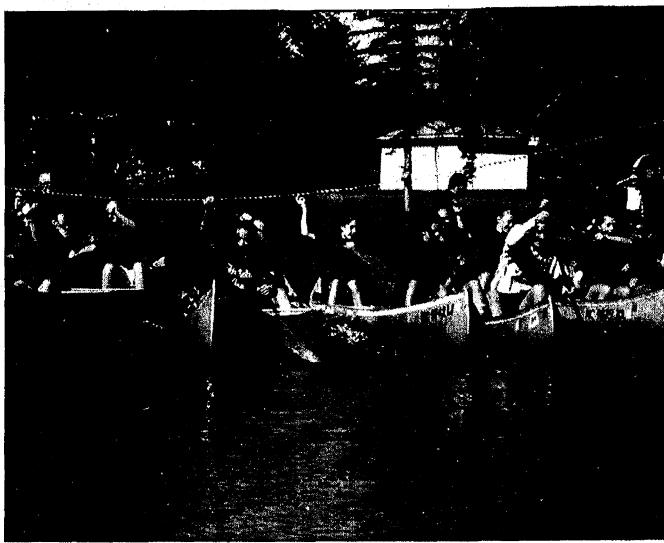
The registration fee for the race is \$20 per team. Teams must register by 9:30 a.m. on July 29. Tee shirts will be given to all registered teams on race day and awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each division will AuSable River Canoe p.m.

Marathon's pre-race program. Teams that pre-register will be allowed one free practice run. Practice runs will be allowed during weekdays from now until

be presented during the 2005 July 28 between 9 a.m. and 4

Registration forms are available at Borchers.

For more information on the 2005 Casey Challenge, contact Borchers at 348-4921.



The girls division breaks from the starting line during last year's Casey Challenge at Borchers Canoe Livery.

# Challenge Races to be held before AuSable Marathon

Amateur paddlers can race in one of three divisions on Saturday, July 30

The AuSable River Challenge Races – events designed for ama-

teur canoe racers – are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 – just a few hours before the beginning of the 2005 Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Two-person teams will race from Ray's Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing, an eight-mile downstream trip estimated to take the

fastest paddlers about one hour. The races, which are sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms of Caledonia, are intended for amateur paddlers. The races include divisions for people racing aluminum canoes, non-raccanoes, and kayaks.

canoes – will leave from Ray's at about 4:30 p.m. The second class of participants - non-racing fiberglass or composition canoes - begins a few minutes later. The third and final class - kayaks -

will take off last.

Competitors can use their own water crafts, or canoes can be rented from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$5, which includes transportation back to Ray's from Burton's Landing.

The entry fee for two-person teams is \$10. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each class, and the first 40 participants to enter the Challenge Races or the canoe parade which is also sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms - will receive free t-shirts.

Registration forms for the ing fiberglass or composition 2005 AuSable River Challenge Races are available at the office The first division – aluminum of John Cherven, CPA, in the Grayling Mini Mall, the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, the AuSable Marathon Time Trials (at Penrod's), or at streamside before the races on July 30.

# Canoe parade to be held after Challenge Races on July 30

Cash prizes to be awarded to top three canoe parade entries on Saturday, July 30

The third annual AuSable River Festival Canoe Parade will be held on Saturday, July 30, at about 6 p.m., following the running of the AuSable River Challenge Races.

The theme of this year's canoe parade is "Grayling and the AuSable - Just for the Fun of It." The event will feature decorated water crafts cruising downstream from Ray's to Penrod's. The entries will be judged by spectator applause, with prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25 going to the top

three canoes. No entry fee will be charged and t-shirts will be given to the first 40 entrants in the parade or the AuSable River Challenge Races. Both events are sponsored by Dr. Dick Crissman and John Crissman of Shagbark

Angus Farms in Caledonia. parade from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$1, which includes transportation for the crafts and contestants back to Ray's by employees of the two liveries.

Dr. Crissman and the AuSable Marathon committee encourage entrants to be creative and imaginative in decorating their canoes and themselves. Music, as well as decorations, can be used. If needed, team members may wade alongside to steady the canoes.

"The theme is pretty vague on purpose," said Dr. Crissman. "So decorate the canoe and all your team members in something outrageous. There is no entry fee, so start planning and surprise us all and get a free t-shirt to boot,"

Registration forms are available at the office of John Cherven, CPA, in the Grayling Mini Mall, the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, the Marathon merchandise store, the time trials (at Penrod's Canoe Livery) or at streamside before the parade. Return completed forms to Cherven's office or the Canoes can be rented for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Race Office.

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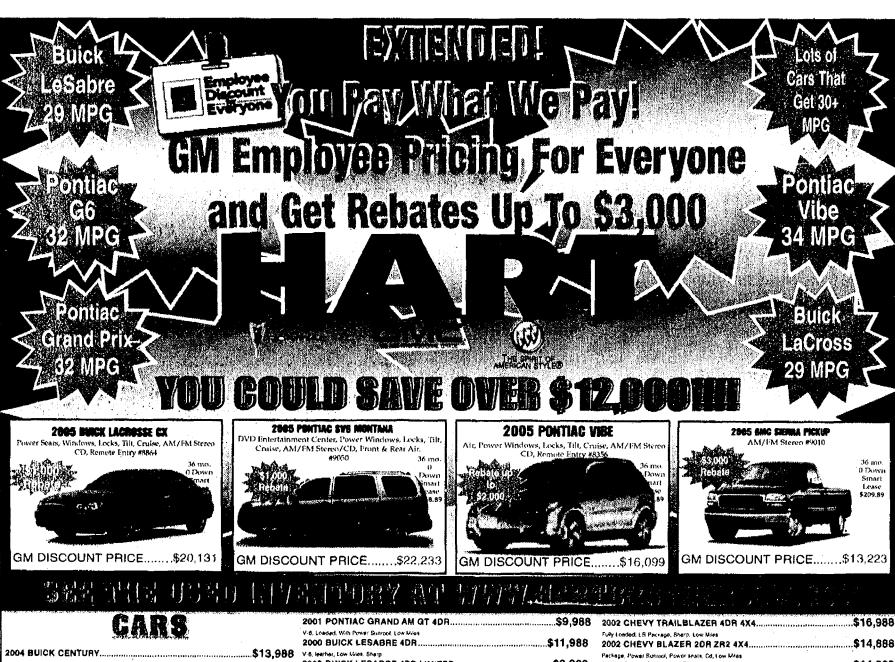
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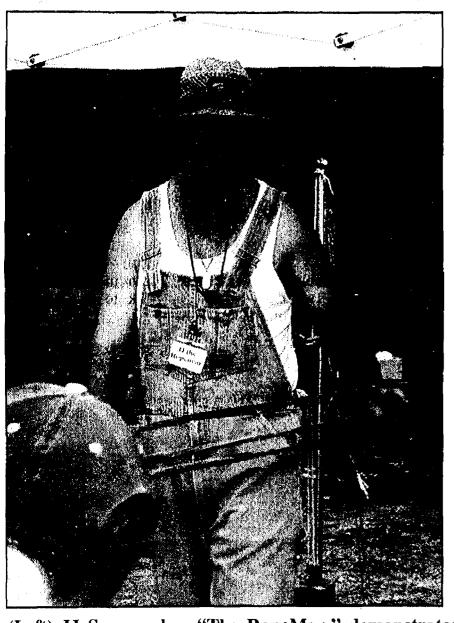
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(Left) JJ Sauer, a.k.a. "The RopeMan," demonstrates a rope-making technique at Wood Shaving Days on Saturday, July 16. (Right) A blacksmith works on a piece of hot metal at Saturday's festival. Wood Shaving Days featured a variety of historically-themed demonstrations and displays, many of which were related to the Crawford County area's logging history.

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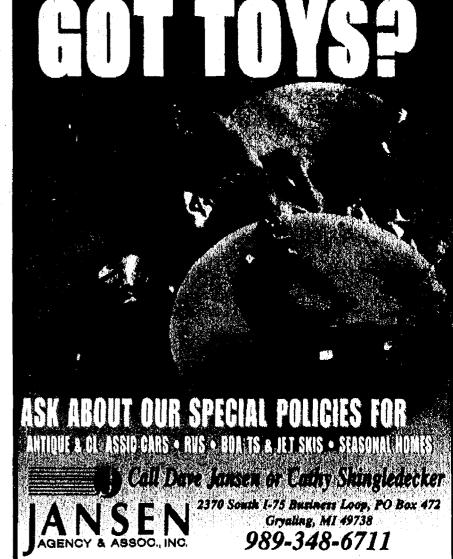
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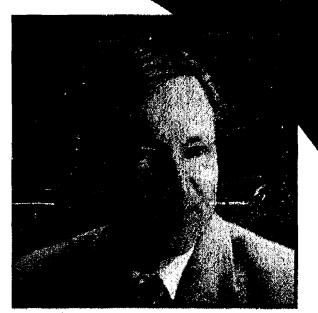
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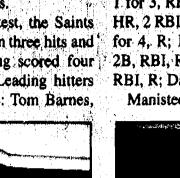
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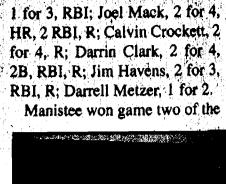
### Men's Baseball

The Grayling Rivermen, a local men's baseball team, played a doubleheader vs. the Manistee Saints on Saturday, July 16, at Grayling High School. Manistee won both

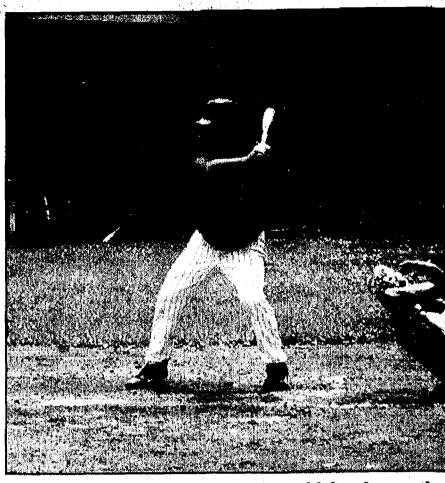
games of the series.

In the first contest, the Saints scored nine runs on three hits and 15 walks, Grayling scored four runs on 10 hits. Leading hitters for Grayling were: Tom Barnes,

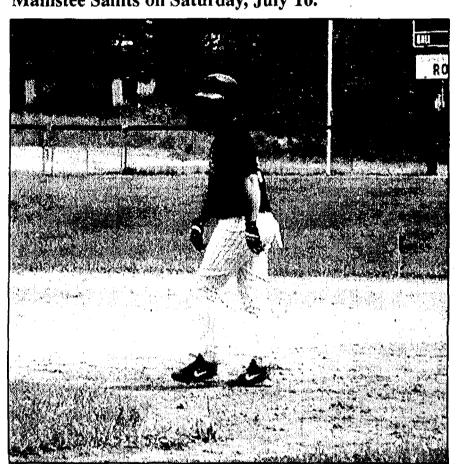




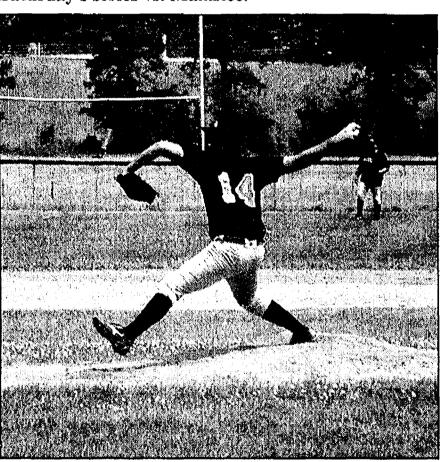
series 15-0. The Saints had 11 hits, including two home runs. For the Rivermen, Mike D'Amour and Derek Etzler both batted 1 for 1 for Grayling's only two hits.



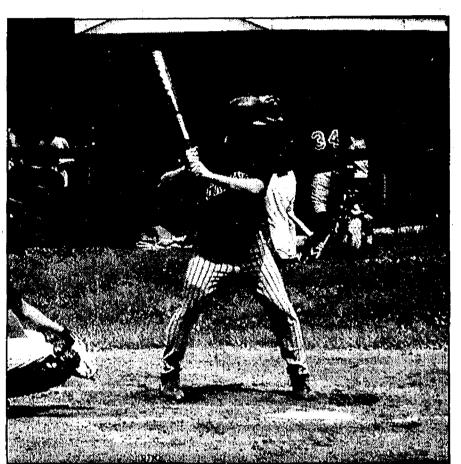
Mike D'Amour (left) and Darrell Metzer (right) bat for Grayling during a men's baseball doubleheader vs. the Manistee Saints on Saturday, July 16.



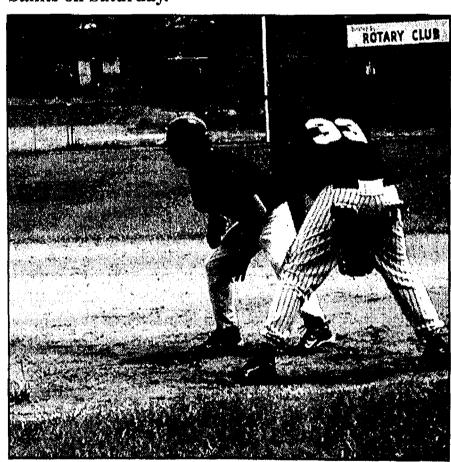
Tom Barnes gets a lead-off at first base during Saturday's series vs. Manistee.



Robbie Skerratt pitches for Grayling on Saturday.



Joel Mack bats"for Grayling against the Manistee Saints on Saturday.



DJ Metzer leads off at first base.

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### GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

### by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies League

Well folks, we really have enjoyed our nice weather, but this heat is a little more than we like. So many of us are riding because of this heat, and we really would prefer to walk this great course of ours.

In Flight A, Kathy Olson had a low net of 33 while Donna Thomson had low putts of 14.

In Flight B, Diana Doremire took it all with a low net of 33 and low putts of 13.

In Flight C, Evie Kent also took it all with a low net of 38 and low putts of 16.

There were two chip-ins today - one by Balkis Shippy on #4 and one by Donna Thomson on #7. Donna Thomson had a birdie on hole #7 and Kathy Olson had a birdie on #3. Two weeks ago,

Gloria Neilson birdied #11.

The Cornell Agency Mystery Holes were won by JoAnn Michal (for closest to the pin on #5) and Sharon France (for longest putt on #9). They received an insulated bottle holder and umbrella.

Something new was added this week by the Grayling Country Club - League Appreciation Week. The lucky recipients were:

Sue Brenner on #2 for shortest drive, Wendy Kucharek on #7 for the shortest putt missed, and Donna Thomson for closest to the pin in three shots on #8. Brenner and Kucharek won a \$15 gift certificate plus one golf lesson and Thomson won a \$15 gift certificate.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch of a salmon burger and a side or creamy chicken pasta on lettuce with a side of fruit, ending with a nice chocolate brownie for dessert.

So until next week, and hopefully a little cooler weather, that's all "fore" now.

### GRA MEN'S SOFTBALL

Grayling Recreation Authority two. men's softball league results for

week #9: On Tuesday, July 12; Dubois Lumber played American Legion. Dubois won 35-10, 19-1. In game one, DJ Metzer of Dubois batted 6 for 6 and hit for the cycle, including a two-run homer. Mike Arwood had a home run for American Legion in game

AJD. In game one, Chad Flowers pitched a shutout in a 13-0 victory for SMK. SMK won game two 22-16. Jim Knight had a home run for SMK in the second game of the series, and has four home runs in two weeks.

On Thursday, July 14, Camp Grayling defeated Kodiak Group

On Wednesday, SMK faced home runs for Camp Grayling.

Standings after Wee	ek #9:
Camp Grayling	17-1
Dubois Lumber	14-4
SMK	10-8
Kodiak Group	9-9
AJD	3-15
American Legion	1-17

# Spike's Challenge sprints, races to be held this weekend

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paddlers complete a looped course and times determine where teams will line up for the race start's run to the river on Sunday morning.

The starting line for sprints is in the City Park near the pedestrian bridge over the AuSable River. Teams travel upstream, navigate under a railroad bridge, turn around at a buoy near the County Building, go under the bridge one more time, and finish at the starting line.

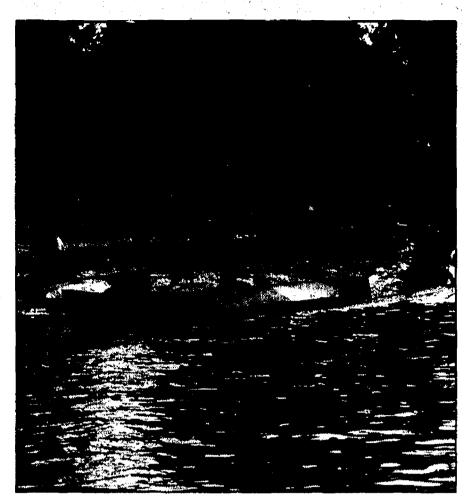
"We're looking forward to the sprints for position. They're held at the City Park and people can come out and watch those, get a glimpse of canoe racing," Zigila

The C-2 race starts at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 24. Teams line up according to their sprint times and - at the starting gun - run with their canoes to the river at Ray's. Teams reach the finish

line at McMasters Bridge between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Spike's Challenge The Paddlers' Tribute weekend also includes a C-1 (one-person) canoe race. The C-1 race, which usually draws at least a few AuSable Marathon paddlers, starts at Borchers Canoe Livery at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 23. Competitors reach the finish line at Burton's Landing 40 to 90 minutes later.

The 58th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at Ray's Canoe Livery. The pre-race program begins at 5:30 p.m. Time trials for the 2005 AuSable River Canoe Marathon will be held at Penrod's on Thursday, July 28, from 5-8:30 p.m. and Friday, July 29, from 2-6 p.m. Time trials determine starting positions for the run to the river on Saturday night.



The women's division of the 2004 Spike's Challenge C-1 race leaves from Borchers.



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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic of the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Seven

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, and West right of way of Ole Dam Road; thence South 2 degrees West along said right of way, 400 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes West 366.3 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 06 minutes West, 275.5 feet; thence North 1 degree 48 minutes East, 209.7 feet; thence South 57 degrees 02 minutes East, 66.5 feet; thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes East, 93 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes East, 96.23 feel; thence Southerly to the point of beginning. Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West. Together with and subject to an easement for right of way for ingress and egress only over the Southerly most 33 feet of a parcel described on the warranty deed recorded in Liber 246, Page 206, Crawford County Records. Also an easement for right of way for ingress and egress only over the following described land: Commencing at the intersection of the North line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 4 West and the West right of way of Ole Dam Road; thence South 2 degrees West along said right of way 433 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 6 minutes West, 136.3 feet; thence North 2 degrees East, 33 feet; thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes East, 136.3 feet to the West right of way of Ole Dam Road, thence South 2 degrees West to the point of beginning.

Dated: June 30, 2005 For more information, please call: FC X 248.593.1302

been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth L. Stoddard, married and Dawn Stoddard, signing to release dower/marital interest, original Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2004, and recorded on July 30, 2004 in Liber 670 on Page 659, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date here-And 40/100 Dollars (\$125,867.40), including interest at 7.999% per annum.

Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 3, 2005.

Said premises are situated in the

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption reriod shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #059316F01

-30-7-14-21

### **Notice Of** Mortgage **Foreclosure Sale**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLEC-TOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreelosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy S. Jobson, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 6, 2003, and recorded on March 13, 2003 in Liber 623 on Page 459, in Crawford County records. Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One And 22/100 Dollars (\$110,951.22), including

interest at 7.4% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 10,

Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: being the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West along Section line, 1325.70 feet to the 1/8 corner and point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West 331.42 feet; thence North 0 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds East, 1315.65 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 337.00 feet; thence South 1 degree 01 minute 30 seconds West along the 1/8 line 1315.05

feet to the point of beginning. And also Parcel B: being the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 33, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West along Section line, 1657.12 feet to

P.M.

the point of beginning; thence continuing North 89 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West 331.43 feet; thence North 0 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds East, 1316.25 feet; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 15 seconds East along the 1/8 line, 337.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 47 minutes 00 seconds West, 1315.65 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale,

Dated: July 7, 2005 For more information, please call: FC G 248.593.1310

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-

File #059814F01 -7-14-21-28

### Notice Of Mortgage **Foreclosure Sale**

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THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN

WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR

ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any,

shall be limited solely to the return of the

bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Ewing, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to RJC Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated January 11, 2002, and recorded on March 4, 2002 in Liber 572 on Page 187, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Two And 67/100 Dollars (\$41,592.67), including

interest at 7.5% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 10,

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 27 North, Range 1 West, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 7, 2005

For more information, please call: FC W 248.593.1312

May 10, 2006

June 14, 2006

July 12, 2006

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For CitiMortgage, Inc. 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-

File #059509F01

-7-14-21-28

### **Notice Of** Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagec. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brent Gabriel a/k/a Brent C. Gabriel and Tammy Gabriel, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Mortgagee, dated June 19, 2002, and recorded on June 27, 2002 in Liber 586 on Page 287, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six And 17/100 Dollars (\$87,736.17),

including interest at 9.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in

Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 3, 2005. Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section: thence North 01 Degree 04 Minutes 19 Seconds 657.95 Feet (recorded as 657.87 Feet) along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section; thence South 89 Degrees 29 Minutes 53 Seconds West 306.64 Feet (recorded as South 89 Degrees 32 Minutes 46 Seconds West 306.25 Feet) to the point of beginning; thence North 17 Degrees 46 Minutes 00 Seconds West 282.65 Feet; thence North 30 Degrees 11 Minutes 38 Seconds West 446.06 Feet to the South 1/8 of said Section; thence North 89 Degrees 28 Minutes 33 Seconds East 380.57 Feet along said 1/8 line; thence South 00 Degrees 31 Minutes 27 Seconds East 75.00 Feet; thence North 89 Degrees 28 Minutes 33 Seconds East 85.37 Feet parallel with said 1/8 line; thence South 16 Degrees 47 Minutes 21 Seconds West 363.21 Feet; thence South 12 Degrees 13 Minutes 47 Seconds West 241.72 Feet to the point of beginning. Together With a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress, and the cutting, trimming, and removal of trees as neccesary for the installation and maintenance of public utilities, said easement being described as the Northerly 33 Feet of the above described parcel, and further described according to the Map of Survey of Road and Utility Easements recorded in Liber

180, Page 33, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 12

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 30, 2005 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Chase Home Finance, LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822 File #046896F02

-30-7-14-21

### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILI-TARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: MICHAEL MCEVERS and MARY MCEVERS, husband and wife to Mortgage Electric Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, Mortgagee, dated April 7, 2003, and recorded on May 1, 2003 in Liber 631, on Page 533, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY PIVE THOU-SAND THREE HUNDRED AND 99/100 DOLLARS (\$35,300.99), including interest at 5.50% annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendee, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on August 17,

Said Premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of Lots 11 and 12, Block 10. Hadley's amended addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records. TAX ID NO. 070-181-010-011-00

The Redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated June 28, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration

Systems, Inc., ("MERS") solely as nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns, MORTGAGE INVESTORS CORPORATION, Mortgagee

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450

Southfield, Michigan 48075

-7-14-21-28

### NOTICE **BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP** RESIDENTS

Per P.A. 188 of 1954, there will be a public hearing held on Friday, August 5, 2005, at Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m., to receive written comments and objections regarding creating a special assessment district on Majestic Hills Court Road, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County. Estimates are on file within the office of the Township Clerk.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

# LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Due to a recent vacancy, any township resident who is interested in sitting on the zoning board should contact the township office by August 4, 2005 at 348-9215.

Cheryl Hopp Lovells Township Clerk

There is an opening for a part-time, inside maintenance person to clean the hall on a weekly basis. Any township residents interested in this position should contact the township offices at 348-9215

Cheryl Hopp

### LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

by August 4, 2005.

Lovells Township Clerk

If any person with a disability needs accommodation, please call Robert Jones or Gwen Bush at 989,275,9538 by 3:00 P.M. on date of meeting.

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District Board of Education

meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Listed below are

the dates of these meetings; please note that, unless otherwise

posted, all Regular Meetings of this board will begin at 7:00

C.O.O.R. GENERAL OFFICES

11051 NORTH CUT ROAD, ROSCOMMON, MI

August 10, 2005 December 14, 2005 April 12, 2006

February 8, 2006

March 8, 2006

Meetings will be held on the following dates:

September 14, 2005 January 11, 2006

October 12, 2005

November 9, 2005

Robert F. Jones, Superintendent

C.O.O. R. Intermediate School District

### LEGAL ACTION

### **Notice Of** Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Marlin J. Friske, Single Man, as His sole and Separate Property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Lender, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 16, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 100, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine And 93/100 Dollars (\$39,329.93), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 17, 2005.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot (2), Block 3, Karen Woods Subdivision, as Recorded in Liber 1 on Page(s) 44 of Plats.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 14, 2005 For more information, please call: FC S 248.593.1304 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for Lender

30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200 Bingham Farms, MI 48025-5822 File #060648F01

-14-21-28-4

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael T. Hodgkin, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co., Mortgagee, dated February 28, 2003, and recorded on March 8, 2003 in Liber 622 on Page 512, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty And 62/100 Dollars (\$49,660.62), including interest at 6.925% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door of the County building in Grayling at 10:00 AM, on August 17, 2005.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 245.0 feet East of Northwest corner of Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4 West; thence 85.0 feet East; thence 660 feet South; thence 85.0 feet West; thence 660 feet North to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Town 25 North, Range 4

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: July 14, 2005 For more information, please call: PC F 248.593.1313 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For National City Mortgage Services Co. 30400 Telegraph Rd Ste 200

Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-

Pile #059945F01

-14-21-28-4

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL **PROCEEDINGS** Meeting held on the 27th day of June 2005

Grayling, Michigan Meeting called to order by Mayor Ferrigan at 7:30 P.M.

Members Present: Joe Ferrigan, Roger Moshier, Larry Akers, Kim McClain

Dennis Palmer

Members Absent: None Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Michele Moshier, City Clerk, Dave Sabin, Gaila Gilliland,

Doug Meroney, Ken Dean, Tom Wellman Approval of Consent Agenda City Council Meeting Minutes

for June 13, 2005 Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,

that the Consent Agenda be approved as

motion carried. IV. Public Hearings

Sign Ordinance Amendment Mayor Ferrigan opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM.

This public hearing is to receive public comment concerning proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance as follows: **SECTION 2: GENERAL PROVI-**SIONS

No sign may be posted on any utility pole or within the public right of way.

10. 11. Any non-conforming, temporary sign may be removed by the City after 48 hours of notification to the owner or occupant of the sign or property owner of the property on which the sign is located. (Amended 04-26-04)

12. Any non-conforming, temporary sign may be removed by the City.

Doug Meroney questioned if the proposed amendments would allow the immediate removal of non-conform-

There being no further questions or comments from the Public; Mayor Ferrigan closed the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM.

В. Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Mayor Ferrigan opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 PM.

This public hearing is to receive public comment concerning proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as fol-

ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVI-SIONS

**SECTION 3.11 – MOBILE HOMES** AND MANUFACTURED HOUSING

A. 1. Mobile homes and manufactured homes shall be no older than seven (7) years of age upon year applicant applies for permit and attached to an approved permanent foundation or basement and shall be anchored using a system that meets the Michigan Mobile Home Commission requirements.

- There being no questions or comments from the Public; Mayor Ferrigan closed the Public Hearing at 7:33 PM.

**Old Business** Sign Ordinance Amendment

05-115

Moved by Ferrigan, seconded by Moshier to send the proposed Sign Ordinance Amendment to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: Absent: 0, motion carried.

Ordinance Zoning Amendment

05-116

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR** 

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP ZONING

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

A public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Lovells

Township Zoning Ordinance will be conducted by the Zoning Board

on Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall

located at 8405 Twin Bridge Road. The proposed amendment con-

cerns clarification of Section 5.05, Limitation on Funnel

Development. The full text may be viewed by contacting the

Township Supervisor (989-348-9215) during regular office hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All

interested persons are invited to attend the hearing, and comment

on the proposed amendment. Written comments may be

addressed to: Lovells Township Zoning board, 8405 Twin bridge

Road, Grayling, MI 49738 and should be received prior to the hear-

Moved by Ferrigan, seconded by McClain to send the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Planning Commission for further review and recommendation: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: Absent: 0, motion carried

Zoning District Change 05-117

Moved by Ferrigan, seconded by McClain to add to the R-1 (Single Family Residential) District as a special use: Medical or Dental Clinics provided no patients are accommodated overnight:

Moved by Ferrigan, seconded by McClain to withdraw the motion: Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, the Township Planning Commission will meet with the City Planning Commission to draft a joint Master Plan or will the Grayling Township Board Trustees join the City of Grayling in updating the Master Plan as recommended in the Master Plan on Page 9-5:

motion carried.

Moved by Moshier, seconded by

Palmer to schedule a Public Hearing on

July 25, 2005 to consider re-zoning Block

12 and Block 13 of Roffee's Addition,

including Parcel B and Block 2 of

Hadley's 3rd Addition to the City of

Grayling to a C-2 (Professional Office)

Nay, Akers: Nay, Ferrigan: Nay,

McClain: Nay, motion failed

Roll Call Vote: Moshier: Aye, Palmer:

Moved by Palmer, seconded by

Ferrigan to send the Chamber Lease

Agreement to the next scheduled City

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,

Master Plan Review

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Akers

to have the City Clerk send a letter to the

Grayling Township Board asking whether

Chamber Lease Agreement

05-118

Zoning District:

05-119

Council Meeting:

motion carried.

05-120

E,

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

North Down Sidewalk

F.

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to have the City Manager pursue a trail head at the City Hall and bring the information back to the Council:

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

New Business

Spread Delinquent Utility Bills on Tax Roll 05-122

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Moshier that the City Council directs the Treasurer to spread the delinquent water and sewer bills on the 2005 ad valorem tax roll against the real property on which the water/sewer service was rendered in the total amount of \$25,549.34. The amount so spread shall become a lien of the same character and effect as the lien created by state and county taxes until

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, motion carried.

Recycling Center The City Manager will get the Council

some additional information.

City Park Rules C. 05-123

Moved by Moshier, seconded by McClain to have the first reading of the City Park Rules presented by the City of Grayling Police Department:

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,

Utility Relocation Ordinance

Moved by Palmer, seconded by Akers to set a public Hearing on July 25, 2005 on the proposed Utility Relocation Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0,

motion carried. E. GUDA

Doug Meroney requested to be on the agenda for GUDA.

He also informed the Council that he would be resigning from GUDA as their

VII. Citizens Who Wish To Speak The following individuals expressed their comments/concerns regarding vari-

VIII. Reports ZBA

Planning Commission Parks & Recreation

Committee DDA

Fire Committee Bike Path Committee

City Manager

Councilman Akers Councilperson McClain

Mayor Ferrigan Councilman Moshier

Correspondence

Revenue / Expenditure Report for May 2005

Letter to Congress -Telecommunication Laws

\$1070. Letter to Country Club - re:

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Inc., is the Regional Substance Abuse Service Coordinating Agency serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzle, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, losco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscelola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties. As part of its annual action planning process, the agency is accepting Public Comment on services for the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year.

Written comment will be received by email to heid @nmsas.net or by mail through August 24, 2005 at: Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc. P.O. Box 1278

Gaylord, MI 49734

in addition, Public Hearings will be held on August 3, 2005 in the conference room of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and August 10, 2005 in the Rotary Room of the Mason County Library, 217 E. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heldi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided for support in the

Golf Team on Entrance Signs D. Notice of Open Positions -Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Committee

101-253 Treasure Dept.

101-265 Twp Offices

101-266 Attorney Pees

101-371 Building Dept.

101-721 Planning Comm

101-446 Roads/S.A. Maint. Exp.

101-722 Zoning Bd. Of Appeals

Roll Call: O'Mara; aye, Kraycs; aye,

6. Motion by Krayes, second by Long,

to approve payment of claims on vouch-

ers 3478-3482 and Liquor Inspection fees

of \$120.00 for a total of \$1,052.56. All

7. Motion by Krayes, second by Long,

to use the clerk's 2004-05 salary as a base

to add \$1,000.00 to the future salary for

Qualified Voter Flle, school and other

election related duties. Roll Call:

O'Mara; aye, Kraycs; aye, Long; aye,

Ashton; aye, Wright; aye, Motion carried.

treasurer not being in the 2005-06 budget

was brought to the table. Treasurer was

advised that if she desired staffing other

than our full-time office employees she

should bring a proposal to the regular July

9. Long noted that we should watch

our recycling costs and seek financial

support from other jurisdictions that are

10. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.,

The Lillian M. Smith Revocable

Social Security Number: 374-38-

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be

barred or affected by the following: The

decedent, Lillian M. Smith, whose last

known address was 9491 Ray Avenue,

Grayling, Michigan 49738, died July 10,

By Trust indenture dated February 23,

Creditors of the decedent are notified

that all claims against the trust estate will

be forever barred unless presented to the

Trustee, Raymond R. Smith at 20144

Brookwood, Dearborn, Michigan 48127,

within four months of the date of publica-

This notice is Published on July 21,

STATE OF MICHIGAN

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

Estate of Thomas Michael Phillips,

The decedent, Thomas Michael

Creditors of the decedent are notified

that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to

Shannon Smith, 184 Kelsey Dr., Gaylord,

MI 49735 named personal representative

or proposed personal representative, or to

both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan

Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the

named/proposed personal representative

within 4 months after the date of publica-

tion of this notice.

P.O. Box 1705

989-732-7724

Shannon Smith

184 Kelsey Dr.

989-731-5607

PURPOSE.

is now \$107,651.88.

Gaylord, MI 49735

Mortgage Sale

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DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE

OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT

Default has been made by Daniel D.

Peer and Michelle Peer, husband and

wife, to First National Bank of America.

dated August 21, 2002, and recorded on

September 6, 2002 in Liber 595 on Page

54, in Crawford County records. The

mortgage holder has begun no proceed-

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sale of the property, at public auction to

the highest bidder on Wednesday, August

17, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the

front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The

Attorney

Date: June 28, 2005

Gaylord, MI 49734

David P. Leonardson P44417

Phillips, who lived at 125 N. Grayling

Rd., Grayling, Michigan died 4/2/2005.

Attorneys for the Trustee:

Susan G. Gistinger P25544

Gistinger & Gistinger

200 Riverside Drive

Manchester, MI 48158

PROBATE COURT

**Decedent's Estate** 

File No. 05-6998 DE

Date of birth: 2/4/1946

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

P.O. Box 426

(734) 428-7853

**COUNTY OF** 

**CRAWFORD** 

deceased

1996, the decedent established the Lillian

M. Smith Revocable Trust:

tion of this notice.

8. The subject of wages for a deputy

Long; aye, Ashton; aye, Wright; aye,

\$1950.

\$638.

\$1675.

\$46.

\$9250

\$550.

Total

Total

+\$9250.

-\$9250

Motion carried.

ayes, motion carried.

board meeting.

using the facility.

carried. All ayes.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C

Revocable Trust

Grayling Township Clerk

CLAIMS NOTICE

Decrease

Letter to Bill Dean - Thank You for Serving on DDA Week In Review by Matt

Gillard - June 17, 2005 League Legislative Link-G. June 20, 2005

H. Week In Review by Matt Gillard - June 24, 2005 Bruce McGuire's Letter of Resignation from the Parks & Recreation

Committee Adjournment X.

05-125 Moved by Palmer that the meeting be adjourned: Mayor Ferrigan adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M..

Michele A. Moshier City Clerk

Future Agenda Items can be found on

### our website: www.cityofgrayling.org SYNOPSIS **GRAYLING** TOWNSHIP **BOARD Special Meeting**

June 29. 2005 Members Present: Shawn Kraycs, Dennis Long, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright

Members Absent: None Others Present: Harry Timmons, Robert Dixon, Wayne Nelson

The purpose of the meeting is to consider adoption of Grayling Township Fiscal year 2005-06 General Fund, Liquor Fund and Township Improvement Fund Budgets. Also, to approve amendments to the 2004-05 Fiscal Year Budgets, if needed, and pay miscellaneous year end bills. Other matters which may legally be brought before the board will be considered.

Supervisor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. subsequent to a Public Hearing which began at 7:00 p.m. regarding the content of the proposed budgets.

1. Motion by O'Mara, second by Krayes, to resolve to adopt 2005-06 General Fund Budget of estimated revenues of \$1,113,889.00 and estimated expenditures of \$1,133,899.00 to be balanced at the Activity/Dept. level. Roll Call: O'Mara; aye, Kraycs; aye, Long; aye, Ashton; aye, Wright; aye, Motion

2. Motion by Long, second by Kraycs, to tespive to adopt the 2005-06 Grayling Township Improvement Fund Budget with estimate revenues of \$12,000.00 and estimated expenditures of \$00. Also, to restrict \$15,000.00 of the fund balance for future compactor station repairs or replacement. Roll Call: Long; aye, Kraycs; aye, O'Mara, aye; Ashton; aye, Wright; aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Krayes, second by O'Mara, to resolve to adopt the 2005-06 Liquor Enforcement Fund Budget with estimated revenues of \$2,160.00 and estimated expenditures of \$2,160.00. Roll Call: Long; aye, Kraycs; aye, O'Mara, aye; Ashton; aye, Wright; aye. Motion carried. Wright was requested to seek legal ways to diminish the Liquor Fund balance.

4. Clerk Ashton distributed the FY 2004-05 Revenue and Expenditure report as of June 29, 2005 for review.

5. 2004-05 General Fund Budget amendment resolution. Motion by O'Mara, second by Krayes, that whereas a budget was adopted by the Grayling Township board to govern the expenditure of anticipated receipt within the township on June 30, 2004, for the next fiscal year of the township, and where as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and expenditures, it is necessary to modify aforesaid budget, and whereas, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, now therefore be it resolved, that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

Fund/ACT. 101-101 Governing Body Fees

101-248 General Services

property will be sold to pay the sanour then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 13.25 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also say taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 13. Town 26 North, Range 1 West, Township of South Branch.

The redemption period will be one year from the date of sale. Date: July 7, 2005 Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder P.O. Box 794,

East Lansing, MI 48826 517-337-1617

### STATE OF MICHIGAN THE CIRCUIT COURT **46TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY OF CRAWFORD Notice of Execution Sale of Personal

**Property** Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a Request and Order to Seize Property issued out of and under the seal of the 46TH Circuit Court, GRAYLING Michigan, dated the 18TH day of MAY, 2005, in favor of JANSEN WAREHOUS-ING LLC, Plaintiff, against the personal property and real estate of TIM COO-

and taken the following property: Contents of Tim Cooley's Storage Unit

LEY, Defendant, in said county to me

directed and delivered, I have levied upon

F-130 Truck Ford vin#1FD3F3714HKA08472 with Jerr-Dan Model 17AWL flat bed wrecker. -6.9 Liter - Diesel - V8 engine Dual Batteries - Power windows - Doors and Locks - Air Conditioning

One SnapOn 53"x29"x46" tool cabinet with tools

One SnapOn 26"x15"x8" tool cabinet with tools One Snap On 34"x6"x25" wall mount-

ed auto a/c service cabinet One Mac 27"x16"x19" tool cabinet with tools

One 27"x18"x34" tool cabinet with tools-brand unknown One 15"x18"x32" tool cabinet with

tools-brand unknown One SnapOn ACS-2A auto A/C charg-

ing station One Lincoln AC-225S welder One transmission stand One Onan 2500 Watt LP gas generator

Two 20" gas lawn mowers One yellow appliance dolly One EBCO SkiMaster 16" fiberglass boat with 70 hp motor & trailer

One Minolta EP 4252 commercial copy machine One Westinghouse stackable washer &

One GE upright freezer One Sears 21 cu ft refrigerator One Magic Chef 30" gas range

One Sharp ER-2391 cash register Numerous desks, chairs, filing cabinets and misc office furniture Numerous units retail display cases Numerous units household furniture

Numerous units electric communication equipment Which I shall expose for sale at public

auction to the highest bidder as follows: DATE: AUGUST 1ST 2005 TIME: 3:00PM PLACE: PARKING LOT 5408 DONALD ROAD

STORAGE UNIT #4 GRAYLING, MI ALL ITEMS SOLD "AS IS" WHERE IS AND ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR REDEMPTION

Dated: 5<sup>TH</sup> of July 2005 Case No. 04-6508-CK VICTOR LOTYCZ, **COURT OFFICER** 

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# BEAUGES



July 22, 1982 - Specialist Five Dennis Palmer receives the Michigan National Guard Lifesaving Medal from Lt. Colonel David "Skip" Hanson. Palmer was a member of the five-man helicopter crew that saved two snowmobilers who had fallen through the thin ice on Houghton Lake April 18.

the O.J.'s.

46 Years Ago

July 23, 1959

The removal of the old steel

truss bridge carrying County

Road 612 over the Manistee

made way for the construction of

the newest type bridge for

Crawford County. The new

bridge will be 60 feet long and 27

feet wide. It will be made of pre-

stressed, pre-cast concrete bridge

beams. Nine of these beams will

form the bridge resting on the old

bridge abutments which are being

Death occurred Monday morn-

ing to Donald Griffith of Grayling

at Grayling Mercy Hospital from

burns suffered last Thursday

night when a blast ripped through

reinforced and widened.

23 Years Ago July 22, 1982

The 38th Infantry Band from Indiana, featuring some of the best musicians from Indiana, will perform Friday, July 23, at 10 a.m. on the lawn of the Grayling River west of Frederic last week State Bank.

A work crew from Camp Shawono put in about 30 posts in the Grayling City. Park on July 16 to prevent motorists from tearing up the lawn. The work crews have been helping out the city for weeks, digging out roadsides for topsoil to be filled in, cleaning curb areas, and putting poles in the park.

Included in the 74-member band are Jeff Taylor, vocalist from the Chicago Lyric Opera, Ralph Kem, professional singer in musicals, and Sergeant Sparks, the boiler room of of the AuSable Mackie's present \$1 1/4 billion

RECIPE

OF THE

WEEK

less severely burned and is a patient at Grayling Mercy where his condition was described as good. Through the cooperation of Weaver's Marine Sales and Service, people living at Lake Margrethe and the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce, eight heavy duty water skiing boats will be at Camp Grayling's beach this Sunday to offer water skiing to any of the enlisted men of the 38th Division who wish it.

Frank Weaver of Frederic was

The Building Committee of St. Francis' Episcopal Church met with the architect and Fred Bear, recently appointed chairman of the Finance Committee, at the Bear home Tuesday night of this week. The architect, Robert Snyder, presented findings of a survey made having to do with the anticipated growth of the Episcopal Church on this area upon which the size of the build-

ing will be determined. The 38th Infantry Division, Indiana, Army National Guard Band, commanding officers Chief Warrant Officers Joseph T. Naumcheff and Ralph J. Kem Jr., will present a program of popular, military and concert musical selections at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, July 23, on the southeast corner of the county courthouse lawn. This will be the sixth concert Indiana has presented here.

Michigan's 1,066 National Interstate Highway System, I-75, I-96 and I-94, is moving into high gear under Highway Commissioner John C. a trumpeter from the rock group Souvenir Works at Frederic. five-year (1957 - 1962) construc-

tion program. The program calls for 580 miles of new Interstate Highway routes - more than half of the state's ultimate 1,066 miles. Already 208 miles of Interstate routes are open in Michigan and another 108 are under construction. Major highway news will be made this year when the approximately 220-mile long Interstate route 94 - from Detroit to the Indiana border south of Stevensville - is expected to be entirely under contract.

69 Years Ago

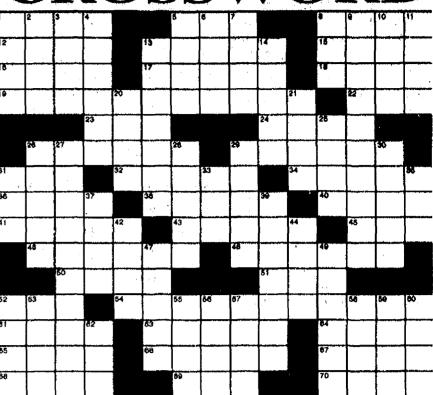
July 23, 1936 Nearly one thousand graded, rural agricultural and township school districts in Michigan will be required to publish in a legally qualified newspaper, proceedings of their annual meetings and a financial statement of the year's business on or before August 3. 92 Years Ago

July 24, 1913 Ed Killian, the Detroit ex-Tiger pitcher, is in the city taking treat-

ment from Dr. S. N. Insley. Wednesday the home of Mrs. Oscar Hanson was the scene of one of the largest and prettiest parties of the season. There were

about forty-five ladies present. Jon Wahlstrum's automobile was damaged Sunday night when he left it standing on main street and Thomas Olson, an employee at the sawmill, cranked the machine and jumped in and thought he would take a joy ride. He never drove a car before but he let it go full speed until he ran into a tree.

### **CROSSWO**



**ACROSS** 

- \_ Townsend of The Who. 2. Plural present form of "to be." 8. Completely confident.
- 12. Chief port of Yemen.
- 13. Automatic warning of danger. 15. Son of Seth.
- 16. Part of the earth's surface not cov-
- ered by water. 17. Elevated platform.
- 18. Abbreviation for Christmas. 19. Present everywhere at the same
- 22. Noting some indefinite time in the past.
- 23. Roman numeral for seven. Praise highly.
- 26. Communication by word of mouth.
- 29. Composite of mixed origins. 31. Acronym for Heart of Illinois.
- 32. Covered with soot. Not suitable for some people. 36. Quality of being hard.
- 38. Get the better of. 40. The destroyer, one of the three
- major divinities in the Hindu pantheon. 41. Brightest star in the Cygnus constellation. 43. Iron-age Celtic music group from
- the Netherlands. 45. Organ of hearing.
- 46. Sell something again. 48. Integrates into.
- 50. Oldest son of Isaac. 51. Acrnym for Private Branch

Exchange.

- 52. Possessive form of "we." 54. Ungathered.
- 61. Lacking moisture. 63. Give evidence of.
- 64. Republic of 26 of 32 countries comprising the island of Ireland.
- 65. Located near the back of an ani-
- 66. Small brooks. 67. Cut with small, quick strokes.
- 68. Acronym for United States Geological Survey.
- 69. Babylonian god of the earth. 70. Subdivision of a larger religious
- group.
- 1. City in Iowa.
- 2. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls encased in a red covering.
- 47. Relating to the moon. 49. Great amount of. 52. Island of central Hawaii. 53. Leon , screenplay writer for the

44. French abbot.

- film, Gunfight at the OK Corral. 55. Baby bed with high sides. 56. Stare at someone in a flirtatious
- 57. Period of calm weather. 58. Pointed branch of a deer's antler.

3. Small gull with narrow wings and a

4. Composite plant with a rosette of

5. Any chiefly African shrub belonging

6. Acronym for Radar Acquisition Data

8. Either the male or female division of

10. Having a chestnut coast sprinkled

11. Acronym for Earth System

13. Deciduous Asian tree with alter-

nate leaves and clusters of white flow-

20. Layered cake with cream filling.

28. Abbreviation for horological.

25. Closed metal vessels used for

30. Distinguished female opera

33. Enlarged sac-like organ of the ali-

35. Man who serves as a sailor. 37. Strip of land projecting into a body

39. Common symptoms of acne.

42. \_ Geste, 1939 film starring Gary

14. Characteristic of a man.

21. Excluded from use.

29. German for anthem.

31. Past tense of "hide."

warming coffee.

26. More painful.

27. Innovative.

mentary canal.

of water.

Cooper.

7. Lake \_, one of the Great Lakes.

forked tall.

System.

a species

curly-wedged leaves.

9. Not changed in form.

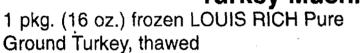
with white or gray.

Science Education.

to the Lily family.

- 59. \_ Pierpoint, George Francisco on Atien Nation. 60. Abbreviation for department.
- Doctor's Degree in Dental





1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

MIX turkey, parsley, Worcestershire sauce and onion salt in large bowl. Shape into 4 (4-inch) patties; set

MELT butter in large skillet on medium heat. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 2

**Turkey Mushroom Burgers** 1 pkg. (16 oz.) frozen LOUIS RICH Pure 1 tsp. onion salt

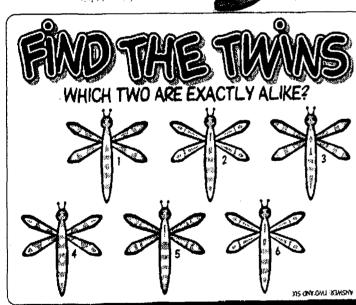
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms

4 hamburger buns, split

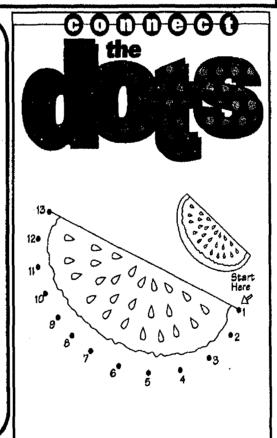
to 3 minutes or until tender. Remove mushrooms from skillet; cover to keep warm. Add patties to skillet; cook on medium heat 12 to 14 minutes or until cooked through, turning occasionally. Serve in buns; top with mushrooms.





DID YOU KNOW ??

The mask used by Michael Myers in the original Halloween was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.







The feud at home enough. Chalk up your losses and call a truce. Travel plans better opportunity December 22- will soon present



Get ready, Aries! Romance heats up and surprises are in store. A family squabble breaks outall eyes are on you to





Muster up some courage and push your way through the obstacles. A home improvement project June 22turns out beautiful! July 22

this week, Cancer.

You've fallen prey to

the grapevine one too

nany times. Don't let

Cover your ears and

don't listen to a word

your friend says, no

matter now reliable

the source.

it happen again.



Clutter is taking over your life. Give away some stuff and get back to the basics. You won't regret it. A memento brings out your sensitive side.

A promi<del>se</del> you

fulfilled some time

ago pays off big!

Enjoy the kudos,

them! An intense

article fires up your

The odds are in your

Scorplo. You deserve

October 22



You've been so busy Call them up and invite them over for some much-needed chitchat.

Tensions at home

the conflict—a

watching. Money

matters improve.

supervisor is

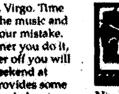


A relationship takes a hit. Move quickly to patch things up, Taurus, Actions in the past unlock mysteries of the present. A friend returns a favor.

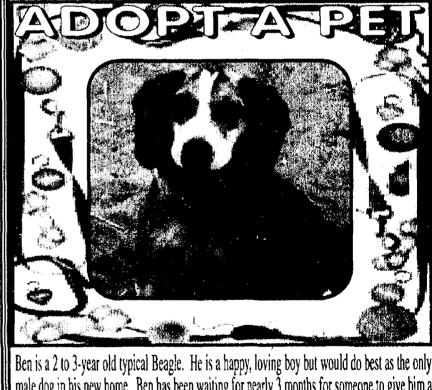


Martyrdom doesn't pay, Gemini. The more you do for

Pess up, Virgo. Time to face the music and admit your mistake. The sooner you do it, the better off you will be. A weekend at home provides some much needed rest.



December 21



ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

male dog in his new home. Ben has been waiting for nearly 3 months for someone to give him a second chance at a happy life. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. For information on any of our pets that are up for adoption, please visit our website at: www.ascc.petfinder.com

Animal Shelter has received a grant for low cost spaying and neutering. Anyone who cannot afford to spay or neuter their pet is urged to call Janet Andrews at Northern Tails Grooming 989-344-9999. Dog Opoly and other games (\$25) are on sale at The Copy Shop. All pro-

ceeds to the shelter. Help build a new shelter. Buy a "Driving Into the Future" raf-fle ticket for a chance to win a 2005 Dodge Durango! Tickets are \$100 each; only 2,000 will be sold. Tickets are sold at the Avalanche, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, Chemical Bank,

The Copy Shop, 7-11, Scheer Motors, Chamber of Commerce, LJ's

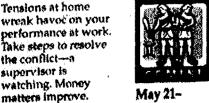
Motor Mall, Holiday Inn and the shelter,

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at: 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling

Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Hours: Open 9 to 3 Monday thru Saturday, 9 to 12 on Sundays and Holidays After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

that you've neglected omeone close to you.





others, the more they will come to expect. Say no and focus on yourself for a change.



September 22

August 22

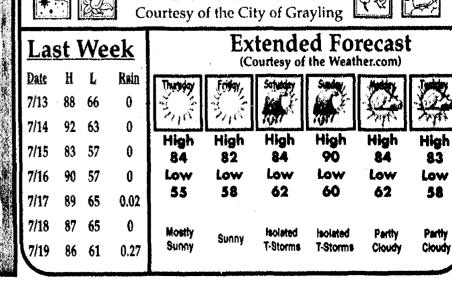


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November 21

favor. Everything you suspect will go wrong doesn't. Celebrate your triumph over diversity in a special WAY.

November 22-



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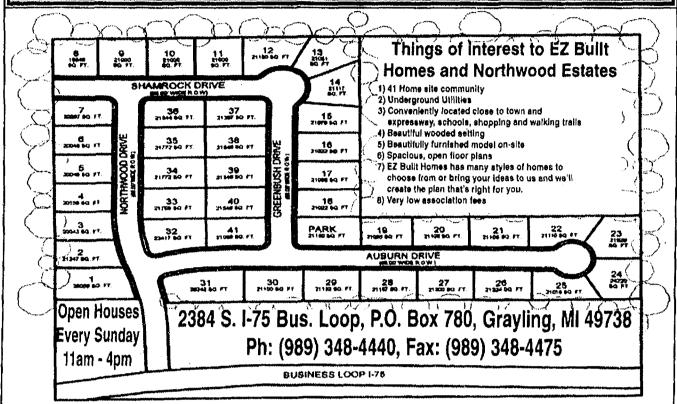
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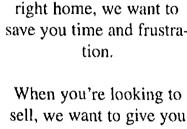
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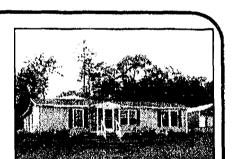
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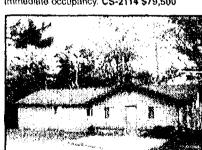
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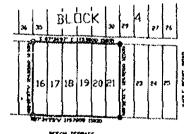
LAND on the west and east side of property. 1,680 s.f., 4 B/R, 2 baths, gas fireplace in family room. 30x36 pole building, cyclone fence in the back yard, and 10x10 rear deck. Home needs repairs. CH-2146 \$109,900



ROLLING 5-ACRES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN'S "SNOWBELT" Seclusion at it's finest!! This 1,632 sq. ft. home overlooks beautiful hardwoods and the valley. It includes: 2 doorwalls onto elevated deck, 2 skylights, extensive knotty pine interior accent, sty panel cling doors examine tills in kildner. six panel pine doors, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths, security system and landscaped yard. All turniture negotiable (except 2 leather couches). Additional 5-acres with garage for \$29,500. CH-2037 \$129,900



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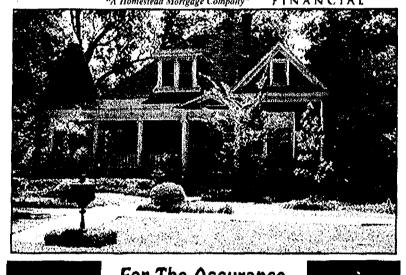
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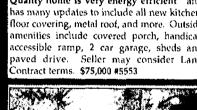


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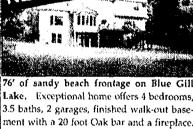


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pet. Corner lot right across fro Marina. #5503 \$73,500



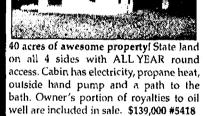
Lake. Exceptional home offers 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths, 2 garages, finished walk-out basement with a 20 foot Oak bar and a fireplace. This first class home has too many features to list. MUST SEE! \$335,000 #5554



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FOR SALE: Because of health, owner has for sale: 2.46 wooded acres, 3 miles from town-across from State land. Foundation ready for house to be built. Has: garage with carport, water, septic, (electric, phone underground), \$79,000. 989-348-8472 (-30-7-14-21/1)

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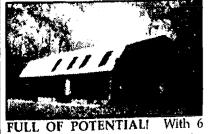
Very affordable 3 bedroom home on a nice corner lot, only 2.5 miles from downtown Grayling. 1.5 baths, located just minutes from the expressway if you want to work in Gaylord. #230337 \$78,500



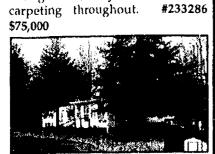
for the up-north property get-a-way tucked neatly on a manicured lawn. Remainder of property is wooded. Large pole barn features frost-free hydrant, exterior RV hookup with slab. 2 bedroom mobile with large deck and roof-over. Drastic price reduction. Seller very motivated. #233595 \$80,000



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below appraised value and offers

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back yard. Needs some TLC, but the

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dining room, vinyl windows and

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### POSITION OPENINGS

### Office Clerk Part-Time

Must possess good typing skills with computer experience and have good customer service skills. Must be reliable and able to work within deadlines.

Send Resumes to: **CRAWFORD COUNTY** 

P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738

AuSable River Festival Parade Committee 6248 Spring Velvet Ct. Grayling, MI 49738

Dear Friend of the AuSable River Festival:

Parades have always been part of America's heritage. We love a parade and we hope you do, too. Each year our parade is held in conjunction with the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, now in its 58th year. Become a part of this wonderful tradition and join us - in Grayling - for the AuSable River Festival Parade.

> The date is July 30, 2005 – the time is 3 P.M. Our theme is "Season's & Holiday – 12 months of the year"

We welcome everyone - your group, service club, business, non-profit organization, etc. Just fill in the attached application in full and return it to the address at the top. If your group charges a fee or would appreciate a donation - please enter that information. If there are any other special arrangements needed – send that information. For bands and marching groups we would appreciate a picture and we will give you some advance publicity.

If you have questions – feel free to contact me at (989) 348-4801. Email to riverfestivalparade@yahoo.com

(use back of entry form or extra sheet of paper, if needed)

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Joni Dunckel Chairperson

### 2005 AuSABLE RIVER FESTIVAL PARADE APPLICATION

Name of Organization		١
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Phone – Business		
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Marching Band	Marching Group	Vehicle (decorate/antique)
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THE WISE GUYS, Friday, July

22nd on the lawn at Citizen's

Bank. 6 to 8 p.m., concert is free.

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dential. New phone- 348-5673. (-

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soon. Golf course owners are

ready to retire out of growing

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Restaurant will be leased to the

most qualified applicant. For

more information, call Jerry at

989-275-5445. (-14-21/8)

TART CHERRIES- we-pick

and u-pick. Our pitting machine

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Orchards, M-88, Central Lake. 1-

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TICKETS ARE STILL on sale

for the Animal Shelter of

Crawford County's "Driving Into

the Future" raffle, for a chance to

win a new 2005 Dodge Durango.

Tickets are \$100 each and draw-

ing of the winning ticket will be

held this Sunday, July 24 at 1

p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe in

Grayling. (Winner need not be

present.) The Durango will be on

display and tickets will be for

sale Friday, July 22 beginning at

11 a.m. at Charlie's Country

Corner and on Saturday, July 23

beginning at 10 a.m. at the 7-11

store in Grayling. Tickets are also

available at the Crawford County

Avalanche, Medicine Shoppe,

JJ's Motor Mall, Holiday Inn,

Riverland Gear, The Copy Shop,

Scheer Motors, Chamber of

Commerce, the Shelter or by call-

ing Cheryll at 348-1429

(evenings) or Sharon at 348-5982

(days). Tickets will also be avail-

able at the Gray Rock Cafe on

July 24 from 11 a.m. until draw-

Safety Town is coming to town.

Children between the ages of four

and six years of age are welcome

to the Crawford AuSable Primary

School, Monday, August eighth

through Friday, August twelfth

from 9 a.m. till noon each day.

Safety Town is for those children

this fall and will expose them to

safety issues that they will soon

be encountering. Registration

forms can be picked up at the fol-

lowing: Crawford Library,

Sheriffs Office, & Post Office.

There will be a registration sign

up at the public library on

Monday, July 25 from 12 p.m. till

4 p.m. Forms should be mailed

to: Kiwanis Club of Grayling,

Atten. Safety Town, P.O. Box

291, Grayling, MI 49738. (-21/8)

A 50 FOOT WHALE is coming!

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MILLTOWN FENCE- all types-repairs. Free estimates, (989)348-9188. (LR08/25/05/4)

STUMP GRINDING reasonable rates. Phone 989-348-8066. (04/28/05tf/4)

WHERE THE ACTION IS-Roofing, roofing & more roofing. Building new homes to remodeling, plus decks & so forth, just name it. Years & years of experience, all work guaranteed. Try to beat my prices. Call 348-5428 or 989-390-3774. (05/12/05tf/4)

I CHARGE by the job, not by the hour. Yard work, raking, mowing, cutting brush, auto detailing, 348-5081. (-7-14-21-28/4)

**DRIVERS EDUCATION-**Register for the following classes: Segment I; August 5, September 12. Segment II; September 7, November 2. Most experienced with lowest rates. Call 989-348-8838. (-23-30-7-14-21-28-4/4)

MASTER CARPENTER-LICENSED BUILDER, 30 years experience, new construction, cabins, decks, roofs, carpentry repair. 810-664-7176 (-30-7-14-21/4)

PROFESSIONAL DRUMMER AVAILABLE for lessons. Fees can be set according to your income. For more info, leave message at 732-2216 or stop by 504 Maple St. in Grayling. (07/14/05tf/4)

JERRY'S **HANDYMAN** WITH RACK- 4 yards. Hauling to landfill, general debris, light carpentry, paint & stain, roof & gutter clean, window to anything else. 30+ years experience. Charge by the hour. Call 989-348-7046. (-21-28/4)

HAWES/ DRIVER'S TRAINING- Northern Driving School is announcing its 2005-2006 schedule. Grayling: September 6, November 2, January 4, March 6, May 1. Mio and Roscommon classes forming in August, October, December, February and April. Most preferred in Crawford County, public school professional educators and newer model cars. Call 989-

9. Personal

344-2470 for more information. (LR8/25/05/4)

LICENSED DAYCARE FIA accepted, food program, infant-7 years, close to town, 5 a.m.- 7 p.m. 348-5560, fun, healthy care. (-7-14-21/4)

SEEKING **POSITION:** Experienced office coordinator, data management, AR/AP, payroll, purchasing, public relations, desk top publishing, full computer skills. 348-1202 (-14-21-28/4)

**REYNOLD'S** MAINTE-NANCE & SNOWPLOWINGbusiness, home, cottage rental. Small back hoe, bull dozer, dump truck, brush mowing, gravel hauling. Call 231-624-1778. (-14-21/4)

DAY CARE OPENINGS for the summer or back to school. School time will have planned activities and learning. Call Dena 344-1643. (-14-21/4)

### 5. For Sale

11 MONTH OLD AKC registered female black lab, \$250 best offer. 989-390-2367 (-21-28/5)

QUEEN SIZE MATTRESS set with Amish made pine log headboard and free frame still in plastic, never used. Cost \$800, will sacrifice for \$235. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03tf/5)

19' VIKING DECK BOAT, trailer, rebuilt engine and out drive, \$2,000, 989-348-1340. (-14-21/5)

CRAFTSMAN LAWNMOW-ER- 21 HP, V-twin, Bob Vella series, 42 in. with snow blower, 42 in. Paid \$3,300, asking \$2,200. Only 80 hours. 1-989-390-4522 (-21-28/5)

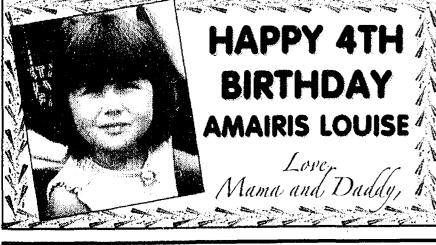
AKC APRICOT TOY POO-DLE- 2 years, non neutered, male, house trained, \$400. 989-732-0525, leave message. (-21-

QUEEN SIZE PILLOW TOP mattress and box springs new in plastic with Amish made pine log headboard. Cost \$995 will sacrifice for \$285. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03tf/5)

AMISH BUILT pine log bed. Queen size, beautiful must sec. Will sell for \$265. Queen size mattress set, new in plastic with free frame will sacrifice \$150. Call (989) 539-3910. (7/3/03tf/5)

2-SIDED CABIN LOGS, log siding, T&G lumber, planed lumber, rough sawn lumber, custom sawing. 348-9289 or 619-0840. (LR9/8/05/5)

9. Personal





April 9, 1955 50 years ago Ed and Sally Hartig said "I Do" You are invited to come and help Ed and Sally celebrate!

Open House, at the Grayling Free Methodist Church 6352 W. M-72 in Grayling, On Sunday July 31, 2005 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm A luncheon will be served.

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### ABSOLUTE REAL ESTATE AUCTION!

July 25 11 a.m. Lovells, MI 11718 Big Creek Rd.

DIRECTIONS: From Lovells (Lovells Rd. & Co. Rd. 612 Intersection) 3 1/2 miles East on Co. Rd. 612 to North on Big Creek Road. Go 3/4 mile to 11718 Big Creek Road - Red Oak Hunt Club LLC. 3 Bedroom Hunt Club on 10+/- acres with all 4 sides bordering state land. Remote start propane fired generator system; log timber bunks for 10; T&G cathedral and vaulted ceilings; propane hot water; forced air heat; air tight wood stove; brick open hearth fireplace & much more. Call for flyer or view online.

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### 1988 24' SIERRA Travel Trailer, \$3,300. Nice, clean, non smoker. 348-8783 (-14-21/5)

50 HP 20' PONTOON with cover & new hoist, \$3,200. 348-2175, motor needs electrical check. (-14-21/5)

CAMPER BIKE RACK- 4 in. square tube bumper, 2 bikes, \$40, (new- \$150) 989-348-3226. (-21-

MARY KAY- 50% off. \$2,500 in products. 404 Ionia St. or 344-0560. Thursday thru Sunday. (-21/5)

STOCKTON CANOE COM-PANY, www.stocktoncanoe.com. Touring canoes, fishing canoes, cedar canoes, kayak paddles, canoe paddles, C-1's, outdoor gifts. Products are on display at Best Choice Pizza on the Saginaw River, Bay City, MI. 989-892-3177 (-21-28-4/5)

UTILITY TRAILER- dual axle, 14'X5'X4' high sides. Removable bars across top for canvas cover. Real good condition, \$975. Call John, 989-348-5745, Grayling. (-21/5)

WOODS- 72" SNOWBLOW-ER 3 pt. hitch, used one season, heavy duty- \$1,500. Miller furnace for mobile home, 56,000 BTU, used 1 winter- \$250 OBO, all pipes included! Also bolts, screws, nails, washers, nuts, shelves, bins for sale. Call 1-989-350-1305 or 989-344-0627. (-21-

1996 OLDS SILHOUETTE, 6 cyl., very very clean in & out, newer tires and brakes, has small exhaust leak & needs rear hatch handle. Blue Book: \$4,800; \$3,750. 1991 Pickup, very strong 6 cyl., new clutch, slave cyl., bearings, needs some trany work, body and interior great shape \$875- great deal! 1976 F-250 super duty frame, \$800. truck with plow, \$1,375. Needs passenger front shaft & some carb work, big tires. 5 & 10 HP go carts. 5 HP cart, \$395. 10 HP cart, \$495 or best. Pop up camper, iolean interior, needs ambittle canvasrepair, \$475 or best. 5 HP snow blower, needs throttle cable, runs great, \$275. Air compressor, \$100. 1983 1100 Goldwing, full dressed, 33,000 miles, very beautiful bike, \$1,850 or best. 1983 750 Midnight Vinogo, 17,000, new paint, nice bike, \$1,500 or best. 348-8151 or 390-1244 (-21/5)

9. Personal

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11. Automotive

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48" ROUND MAPLE TABLE-6 chairs, (2) 10" leaves, excellent condition, \$175, 989-348-5045 (-

FOR SALE: 2000 SYLVAN 22 1/2 X 8 1/2, loaded, pontoon boat, 70 hp Johnson, tilt & trim, 25" Pontoons, like new, low hours, new play pen cover, \$12,900. 989-348-8659. (6/16/05tf/5)

12' COACHMAN TRUCK CAMPER. Fits a full size, 3/4 ton truck, sleeps 6, stove, 3 way ref., shower, toilet, new jacks, \$850, 989-348-1340. (-14-21/5)

### 6. Wanted

WANTED-SCRAP VEHICLES top dollar paid. Pick up available. 888-471-3818. (3/3/05tf/6)

COTTAGE **FURNITURE** WANTED- Rittenhouse, habitat or rustic furniture. Call 248-932-8709 (-28-12-26-9-23-7-21-4-18-1-15-29-13-27/6)

WANTED: ANTIQUE OR VINTAGE tablecloths with vivid colors and in very good condition, 989-348-5245. (-14-21/6)

VETERAN PERCUSSIONIST forming a new band to play gigs. If you know your stuff and want to play rockin' soul, auditions will be held at 504 Maple on Thursday and Friday, July 21, 22, 28 & 29 after 7 p.m. (-14-21-28/6)

BABY SITTER WANTED-Grayling area only please. Ages 9, 11, 13, 6 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. After school starts, it would be before and after school. 18 years or older. 989-826-5122, ask for Tammy. (-21-28/6)

### 7. Miscellaneous

4 X 8 LIGHTED SIGNS for sale or lease, tables and chairs for lease, trash barrels for sale. Fick & Sons, Grayling. (989) 348or 1-800-292-9295 (4/24/03tf/7)

### 7. Miscellaneous

### Crossword **Answers**

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YARD SALE- July 21 and 22,

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Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracle, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly bed to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three hail Marys and Glories for nine consecutive days. Publication must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. (-21/9)

### 10. Garage Sales

ANNUAL BOOK SALE at Devereaux Library, Thursday, July 28, 2-7 & Friday, July 29, 10-5. (-21/10)

FLAGPOLE/YARD SALEaluminum 20 ft., telescoping poles, white color. 20 & 25 ft. sectional kits with U.S. flags, \$69 to \$150 cash. Saturday only! July 23, 8:30-5 p.m. 205 Chestnut, Grayling. (-21/10) who are entering kindergarten

WEST M-72 to McIntyres Landing. Saturday, July 23, 9 to 4, Sunday, July 24, 9 to 3. Fishing poles, car ramps, 2 desks, rotary chair, VHS movies, kids clothing, knick knacks, etc. (-21/10)

2 GARAGE SALES- July 23, 9-5, Saturday only! Multi familyfurniture, clothing, patio furniture, craft items, much more. M-72 West to Danish Landing Rd., follow signs. (-21/10)

1000 Ogemaw St., Grayling. (-21/10)



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" Scheer Motors, Laurie and the entire staff were very helpful in my

Thank you, Scotty



"Your Hometown Dealer"

FRIDAY, 7-22-05, 9-5:30, 504 Fern. Electric dryer, refrigerator, plus size women's clothing, canning jars. (-21/10)

MULTI FAMILY SALE-July 22, 23, 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 6981 Nottingham Drive. Ole Dam Rd. then left on Nottingham. Telescope, ice fishing shanty, girl clothes, and lots of miscellaneous. (-21/10)

FRIDAY/SATURDAY, July 22 & 23 yard sale. Baby extravaganza! 224 Misty Way, 9-5. No early sales please! Brand name infant-2T girls items. Include Gymboree, Osh Kosh, Ralph Lauren, Laura Ashley, Zutana, Levi, Old Navy, some miscellaneous odds & ends. (-21/10)

WEST ON 72, left on 93, right on Margrethe Blvd. to Summet. Multi family garage sale- Friday, Sunday, Saturday, Snowblower, water skis, bikes, lots of miscellaneous. Don't miss this one! (-21/10)

GARAGE SALE- 5925 King Rd., Lewiston, July 23. Saturday only, 9-5 p.m. Half price sale on all clothing only! (Kids sizes-toddler thru size 4 boys & girls, men's sizes- teen boys thru men's large and women's sizes- 8 thru 10, some maternity and plus sizes, some girls size 6 thru 12), baby crib by Bassett with Simmons mattress (\$100), Isabell Blooms, over 50+ Longaberger baskets & accessories, 2004 34 ft. Keystone Cougar 5th wheel camper, used twice (\$23,500 or best offer), Arctic Cat cutter tow behind (\$300), 2001 Arctic Cat ZR600 (720cc trail) snowmobile, less than 300 miles, like new, lots of options, \$3,800 or best offer), 1972 Ski Doo Olympic 335 snowmobile, runs good (\$400), 2 Arctic Cat snowmobile helmets (newer style size large), household decor, over 125+ ty beanie bears and regular beanie babies (many collector bears, priced to sell), toys, 40+ vhs movies, 80+ 1970's thru 1980's music cassettes, crafts, some fishing and camping items, Columbia & Storm bowling balls (15 & 16 lbs. right handed), Hewlett Packard 17 inch monitor with keyboard, mouse and speaker (\$50), Arctic Cat ATV tires and rims 25X10X12 new, never used (\$120 set of 4) CMP snowmobile hydraulic crank lift (\$125). Absolutely no reasonable offers refused! Located- 3.5 miles North of Lewiston off of CR-491 and 2.5 miles South of M-32 off of CR-491. Early sales on large items welcome! Phone 989-786-

975 LITTLE JOHN AVENUE-Friday only, 9-3. Wood table with 6 chairs, rocker, comforters, throw pillows, seasonal decorations, stroller, dishes, glassware, toys, framed paintings, Little Tykes picnic table and much more. (-21/10)

7011. (-21/10)

MOVING SALE- furniture, collectables, nick nacks, tools. 1325 Ole Dam Rd. Friday and Saturday. (-21/10)

JULY 22, 10-5, July 23, 9-12. 405 Madsen St. Preschool Boys clothes & toys. (-21/10)

STORAGE UNIT SALE- Unit C-69, July 21-23, 9-5 p.m. M-72 W., watch for signs. King size bed, men's clothing, etc. (-21/10)

BIG BARN SALE- 7/22, 23, 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., rain or shine. 2012 Arrowhead Rd., off 72, 9 miles West of Grayling. Amigo w/ car lift, stream/lake sprinkler system, shallow well pump, large sandblast cabinet, welding table w/ shopvice, 2 XL leather Budweiser racing jackets, large sized clothing, fishing boat & trailer, rototiller, custom built dog house, 6X8 trailer. (-21/10)

3331 WEST JONES LAKE Rd., Saturday & Sunday, 10-5. (-21/10)

YARD SALE- Friday, June 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 4609 Nels Drive. North Down River Rd. to Glen, right on Glen to Nels, 2nd house on left. Generator, snow blower, other miscellaneous items. (-21-28/10)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lots of miscellaneous. Alto saxophone, \$300, Lane sofa, new over \$1,200; \$200. Perfect condition child's & adult name brand clothing, 720 North US 27, near Fair Grounds. 348-4311 (-21/10)

1979 FORD PLOW TRUCK,

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newer electric Western plow in excellent condition, will separate, \$900. 989-344-1531 (-14-21/11)

1996 FORD F-150: cruise, air, tilt with 6 month old Fisher snowplow, 98,000 miles, \$7,500 firm. Call 348-6184. (-14-21-28-4/11)

\$950, 1989 PONTIAC 6000 4 door. \$6,500, 2000 Chevrolet Venture MiniVan. Grayling, 989-348-4350. (-14-21/11)

11. Automotive

'84 FORD RANGER, 302 engine, Hurst slap shifter, dual exhaust. 989-390-5711, \$1,000. (07/14/05tf/11)

1990 BUICK LESABRE available for parts; new starter, windshield, alternator, axle shafts, tires, steering column and more. To inquire, stop by 504 Maple after 6 p.m. (07/14/05tf/11)

THÉ CAR LOT is always open in the Avalanche classifieds. (989) 348-6811

"ALMOST A CLASSIC" 1984 Trans-Am, 53,300 miles, all original, no rust, T-tops, new tires & battery, \$5,000. Call 348-1340. (-21-28/11)

'93 FORD TAURUS- excellent running condition, \$1,200 or best 989-821-9137 offer. (07/21/05/11)

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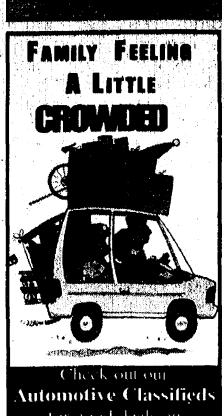
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1992 BUICK LESABRE- runs good, need to sell, \$800 or best. Call John, 348-2774. (-21/11)

MISSOURI TRUCK 1991 Chevy 1/2 ton, 1986 carburated 350 with less than 1,000 miles, 700R4 trans, some chrome and billet dress up, diamond plated tool box included. Runs great, \$3,500. 989-344-0086 (-21-28/11)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

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# Exciting end expected for 58th Canoe Marathon

2005 is the year to follow the race to the end

The Le Mans run to the river for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon has been called the most thrilling start of any sports event. More than 10,000 people jam the Grayling streets and riverbanks to watch teams sprint to the river carrying canoes.

For this year's race, the real excitement could come at the end.

A dramatic duel between the two top teams — Serge Corbin-Jeff Kolka and Andy Triebold-Matt Rimer — is expected. Canoe race fans have been buzzing about the previous battles at the Triple Crown races—the three biggest canoe races in the world.

At the first Triple Crown race this year, the General Clinton in New York, Corbin-Kolka beat out Triebold-Rimer by two seconds. In a race that took them both more than eight hours to finish, the winning margin was less than the length of one of the sleek, carbon-fiber racing canoes.

At last year's AuSable Marathon the second of the Triple Crown races — Triebold and Steve Lajoie knocked off eight-time defending champions Corbin and Kolka by 13 seconds.

At last year's La Classique in Quebec — the third of the Triple Crown races — Triebold and Lajoie triumphed by one minute and 21 seconds over defending champions Corbin-Kolka.

Although the average margin of victory at the AuSable Marathon has been more than 14 minutes over its 57-year history, for this year, race fans are looking for another close finish.

Koppa, one of the race organizers. "This gives Serge and Jeff a challenge that they haven't had in many years."

Koppa said she is pushing for Serge in this battle of old versus young because she is in his age range. "It's such a multifaceted race. You need to know the river, you have to have good endurance conditioning, and you need a lot of racing knowledge. It takes a combination of many things. No one strong person can do it alone."

Expecting to compete for the top five spots are the teams of Rick Joy-Bill Torongo (who have raced a combined total of 49 Marathons), former champion

Jim Harwood-Al Limberg, Clark Kent-Tim Valco and John Sullivan-Steve Watson.

The mixed division, which has been giving fans close races for several years in a row, may be wide open this year. Eight teams are entered. The 2002 Marathon mixed team champion Barb Bradley (with Al Limberg) is racing with Jim Larsen. Lynne Witte, the Marathon mixed team record-holder (with Jim "It will be interesting, said Marcia. Myers), is racing with Nathan Winkler. Gloria Wesley, who finished second in the 2004 mixed race, is competing with Gary Aprea. Lynn Capen, the first woman to finish in the top ten, is teamed with Steven Landick, who crossed the finish line first in 1989 (but lost out because of a ten-minute penalty). Karine Pellerin, competing in her first Marathon, is teamed with Joe Shaw, an eighth place finisher last year. Kate Ellis, competing in her second Marathon, is racing with Todd Ellison. Stephanie Larson, also competing in her second Marathon, is racing with Jeff DeFeo. Alison Scott, competing in her first Marathon, is racing with Jim Bauer.

In the women's division, Connie Cannon, the Marathon women's team record holder, is racing with Amy Solak, competing in her sixth Marathon. They are the only women's team entered this

For the masters division (both racers 40 and older), Corbin, 48, and Kolka, 46, are the favorites. Corbin and Kolka hold the record for masters at 14:08:18. Seventeen other teams are competing for the masters' prize money and records.

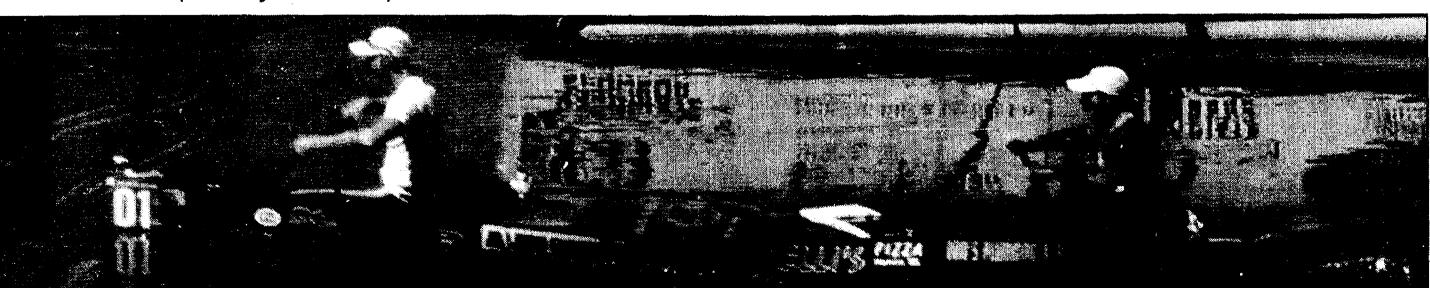
For the seniors division, four teams are competing for the top three prizes and for records. The current record holders are Bob Bradford, 62, and Al Widing, Sr., 80, who raced to a 15:21:22 time in 1999. They will be challenged this year by the teams of Fred Mills, 51, and Joe Seifert, 53, who won the seniors division at La Classique last year; Frank Smutek, 71, a three-time national champion last year, and Rejean Huard, 63, the executive director of La Classique who is competing in his seventh Marathon; and the mixed team of Landick and Capen.

In the amateur division, it will be a two-team race with Mark Noorman, competing in his fourth Marathon, paired with Troy Winters, competing in his first Marathon. Frank Taber, racing in his 16th Marathon, is paired with Frank Bailey, competing in his first Marathon.

If you have watched the exciting beginning of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon but have never made it to the finish line, this is the year to follow the race all the way to Oscoda.



Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin paddle to a 2nd place finish in the 2004 AuSable River Canoe Marathon with a time of 14:59:59. (Photo by Jon Schultz)



Andy Triebold and Steve Lajoie cross the finish line in Oscoda to claim the 2004 Marathon championship - 13 seconds ahead of defending champions, Jeff Kolka and Serge Corbin. The winners completed the race in 14:59:46. (Photo by Jon Schultz)



# Amazing Al Widing St. leads the pack in races



Al waits for the start of a recent Marathon. (Photo by Steve Southard)

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By Nancy Lemmen

with assistance from John B. Cook

While the AuSable River Canoe Marathon has been a showcase for many types of inspirational feats, perhaps no other racer can top the extraordinary career of 80-year-old Al Widing Sr.

During the 57 years of this grueling event, amazing Al has raced in more Marathons than anyone else. Plus, he holds every Marathon age record from 65 to 78 - more age records than any other paddler in the history of the race.

His achievements span decades. At age 39 in 1964, Al – teamed with his brother Pat Widing – took the first of three 2nd place finishes in a row with a time of 15:27:17.

He achieved the Iron Paddler award (for finishing ten Marathons) in 1968 at age 43.

In 1988, at 63, Al set the record for the oldest paddler to finish in the top ten (8th) with nephew Nathan Widing, 27, in 17:01:28.

In 1991, and at age 66, he and Grant Spalding, 27, finished in 15:35:00 - Al's third fastest time.

In 1997, at 72, Al set his eighth Marathon age record, finishing with his brother Leroy Widing, 67, in 16:53:30 and beating 25 other teams - including 15 that didn't complete the race.

In 1999, at 74, he and Bob Bradford, 56, took 15th place with a time of 15:21:22 – the fastest finish of Al's career.

In 2003, Al and Don Brooks, 34, of Midland claimed 29th place in 16:40:58 in a Marathon in which 16 of the 65 teams did not finish.

Ranked 16th on the all-time points list with 770 career points, he paddled to top ten finishes over an amazing span of more than three decades.

His 11 top ten finishes include three times in 2nd place, two times in 3rd place, two times in 4th place, two times in 5th place, one time in 6th place and one time in 8th place:

Al has 33 official Marathons under his belt – more than anyone else – and he remembers doing the '53 and '54 Marathons with his younger brother Leroy although the race programs and newspaper articles those years include no mention of their team.

Still, he is tied with veteran Marathoner Rick Joy for the most finishes at 26, and he has the second longest active Marathon paddling career (49 years/1955-2004) behind fellow racer Frank Smutek (52 years/1952-2004).

With just a few exceptions, he missed the big race only in the 1970's and the early '80's because he was "too busy – my business was going great guns." Even so, three times during that era he and son Al Jr. got into the race "without the practice we needed, but we wanted to stay in contact. And once in a while, we did some shorter races,"

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said Al.

When he competed for the first time, several of his latter day partners had not even been born yet. His first teammates, as well as Leroy, included his youngest brother Pat and early champion Stan Hall.

Pat died two and a half years ago. Hall, a two-time Marathon winner (1967 and 1968) who lives in Oscoda, no longer competes in the race. Leroy, at 75, doesn't race anymore, but "he's always interested he calls me up all the time and would like to come do my last race with me," said Al.

### A tough, yet humble, competitor

While he is a tough and determined competitor and a perennial crowd favorite, Al remains humble and modest about his Marathon accomplishments.

"To me, I can't see anything exceptional," he said in 1997. "Anybody who wants to could get out and do it. I'm just a common guy - no exceptional fellow."

But his personal and racing history tell a different story.

Al grew up on a farm. He was drafted into the Navy and served on a destroyer during World War II. He owned and ran his own construction business. And in 1953, he discovered marathon canoe racing.

Al said he and Leroy (of Port Clinton) saw an article in *The Flint* Journal about a week and a half before the '53 race that "they were having a marathon on the AuSable River.

"We had never been in a canoe before. It just sounded interesting to us," said Al. "We bought a 16-foot Old Town canoe that weighed about 80 pounds for \$25. It was pretty old when we got it. We didn't know anything. We trained for one to two hours a night but never practiced on the AuSable. We were farm guys, in the construction business, and we thought we were pretty tough.

"We found out we weren't that tough. That year they started canoes at intervals. Early in the race our light picked up Ralph Sawyer (an eight-time Marathon champ in the 1950's and '60's) coming out of a cut with a big grin on his face. He probably cut off five to six minutes. The fellows who knew the river could do this type of thing."

The Widing brothers punched a hole in their canoe, and soon Leroy had water up to his ankles. They thought they would be disqualified if they got out and dumped the canoe. "That's how stupid we were," he said.

By the time they hit McKinley

"Leroy nearly had Bridge, hypothermia," so they pulled out.

"I think we could have finished the race if we hadn't had the leak," said Al. Still, "it was a disaster."

However, by 1956, Al and Leroy not only finished the Marathon; they came in fifth place. "But back then there were only 15 to 18 canoes in it," he said.

Al said that, beginning in 1955, the brothers often came to the AuSable on weekends to practice for the race. They would drive up from downstate, drop off their canoe, return to Mio to spot the car and return to Grayling – on foot.

"We walked back from Mio. It used to be a gravel road," he said. "We didn't know anybody up here. We came up and put the canoe in at Ray's; then we'd take the car down (to Mio) and hitchhike back. This was late in the evenings. A lot of the times we'd walk and run, walk and run – then we'd paddle down to Mio. Sometimes we'd get a ride, but traffic was not very heavy back then. Once a guy delivering oil picked us up by McMasters and dropped us at Ray's - we thought that was pretty neat."

He followed the same training pattern in the years he raced with son Al Jr.

"Once the police picked him up and brought him back – they were kind of leery of him. After that, we started carrying a paddle with us when we walked back," he said.

Although Al has lived in Mio with his wife Dot for over 25 years, he came from the Flint area - Holly, Linden and Fenton - where they reared six children and he ran a construction business, Al Widing-Builder and Contractor. After he semi-retired in 1979, he and Dot moved to Mio.

"I always wanted a place on the river, but I didn't have the money," he said. "The AuSable has always been my favorite river and was the main attraction to the race."

### A simple training routine

Al's training routine through the years has been pretty simple, and he said he isn't sure how he has been able to stay in shape over his 50year canoeing career.

"Maybe it's the paddling that does it. I practice a lot in a C-1. I used to run a lot, but now I can't."

A fall he took two years ago off a roof while helping to set trusses on a ten-foot wall put an end to his running.

"The boom swung around and knocked me off. I lit on a two-byfour, twisted my ankle and broke the

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Information from John B. Cook, June 2005



A few weeks before the Marathon, Al and partner Bob Bradford (in the bow) and fellow paddlers Rick Joy and Bill Torongo take off from Penrod's on an afternoon practice run to McMasters Bridge. (Photo courtesy of ARICM)

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Al seems to always have had a wiry strength that comes, perhaps, from a lifetime of regular physical labor. When sons Al Jr. and Galen began helping him in the construction business by pounding nails when they were 11-12 years old, he restrained them from lifting anything heavy until they were 18. The heavy work he kept for himself.

For one job, he carried a 22-foot-long I-beam alone. "The guy delivered them to the road 200 feet from where we needed them. I asked Al Jr. and Galen if they could take one on their shoulders. They did, and that left the long one for me. I got on one end and carried it to the house."

His work in the construction business was not without its inherent dangers. In 1974, he fell from the attic of a two-story house three floors down to the basement.

"That just about did me under," he admits. My wife told me that in the ambulance (that transferred him from Howell to McLaren Hospital in Flint), the guy working on me said, 'You better step it up; I'm losing him.' He brought me back before we got to the hospital, then he said, 'I'm losing him again.' Al Jr. was following the ambulance, and he said, 'When the guy stepped up to over 100, I knew it was serious."

Despite breaking multiple bones, Al obviously has survived to go on to more adventures, racing and otherwise.

On a winter trip, a spare tire on his and Dot's motor home blew up and injured him in Del Rio, Texas.

"Roy was with me. . . . I had my head turned to talk to him. That's what saved me. The top of the sidewall blew out and hit me right here on the side of the face,"

he said, pointing to his temple. "It blew me right through the air straight out. I didn't know what happened. It turned the lights out just like that. Roy saved me with CPR. We both had gone to classes."

And he keeps training for the Marathon by paddling from Grayling to Mio or Camp Ten several times each summer and by competing in other races.

"I'm usually the oldest guy in the MCRA (Michigan Canoe Racing Association)," he said.

"Al is one of America's finest senior athletes," said John B. Cook, Marathon historian. "At the age of 80, he will extend his record as the oldest person to ever compete in the Marathon. Even though he came within ten minutes and 12 seconds of winning in 1966, he has finished 2nd three times and has 11 finishes within the top eight places, it has been the last 15 years of his career that have brought the most media attention to him and the Marathon."

On Saturday evening, Al will hook up again with Bob Bradford, a fit and competitive 62-year-old, and take a shot at his first Marathon as an octogenarian.

And, as in every Marathon, his multitude of fans will cheer and applaud him at all the observation points along the 120 miles of the race.

Then, after the 2005 Marathon has ended, whether it was or was not his final race will be irrelevant. Al's legend is alive, and it will live on with or without him in a race canoe on the AuSable.

"Al Widing Sr. has become an icon of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon," said Cook. "He will be remembered as long as there is a Marathon, and it is unlikely many of his records will ever be matched."



Al, at 78, partnered up with Don Brooks, 34, in 2003 to paddle to a 29th place finish. (Photo courtesy of ARICM)

# ine buzz on Al

Phil Weiler, long-time Marathon committee member: "Al is a tremendous athlete, an ambassador to professional canoe racing and a mentor to young paddlers. A lot of the top paddlers will tell you that they learn more riding in a canoe once with Al than in a season of paddling. He has been very good for the Marathon and for canoe paddling."

Fred Mills, 9-time Marathon racer: "Everybody looks up to Al. We all want to be like him. It's fun to be in the river paddling alongside him because he has so many stories to tell."

Bob Bradford, 16-time Marathon racer and Al's 2005 partner: "It's my pleasure padd!ing with him - no doubt about it."

John Sullivan, 8-time Marathon racer: "He's a grinder. He's solid. You know when he starts a race, he's going to finish it. He's a good paddler and a guy you can always learn things from."

Bill Torongo, 21-time Marathon racer: "I have pictures of when he was racing in the '60's. He looks just same haircut, a few more wrinkles, a little tanner. He's incredible – he runs his portages, never complains and doesn't like to ride – he likes to do it all himself. He's old school. He says, 'I don't like anybody riding me; I don't ride anybody.' It's just not his style."

Rick Joy, 28-time Marathon racer: "It's a privilege to be tied with Al for the most finishes. . . . It's hard to finish that many times and do that many races, I'm not sure why we

keep coming back. I guess we must like it."

Jim Harwood, 19-time Marathon racer: "He's a heck of an athlete one of the best paddlers around. I hope that I'm as energetic at 80 as he is now. He's eaten good, whatever he's eaten."

Richard Beckman, Marathon fan: "He's one of my favorites - I guess because I am near his age."

Sean Casey, 5-time Marathon racer: "I really admire the guy. He is to paddlers what Master Yoda is to the Jedi."

Steve Southard, owner of Ray's Canoe Livery and long-time Marathon committee member: It's been a thrill and a real honor to have been able to be Al's sponsor. He sets a great example - not just for Marathon canoe racers, but for everyone – by what he has accomplished and by his determination. He is simply incomparable. There's nobody who has done what Al has done. It's wonderful to have been there to see what he has accomplished."

Jon Thompson, Al's 2003 La the same now. He's lean, with the "Classique partner and 4-time Marathon racer: "I'll never forget running the boulevard portage with him at Shawinigan, Quebec, with that crowd going absolutely wild, cheering him on. They only see him once a year, so I think more of them understand how remarkable his racing feats are. Some of us in Michigan don't realize how good he is. No one else older than 70 has ever finished the Marathon. Al, at age 74, finished in 15 hours and 21 minutes. That's incredible."

# How to follow the Marathon

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon is called the world's toughest spectator race for a reason. Depending upon the teams you're following, the race can take you as much as 19 hours over 100 road miles through the night and following day - sometimes in rain, fog, thunderstorms and/or stifling heat. And then you have to drive home.

Large crowds of fans follow the top teams from timing point to timing point as they battle for the lead. At the early bridges, you may have to park a halfmile away, then hurry to catch the leaders before they pass by. But here is another way for beginners to enjoy the Marathon. And please, whether you're a first-timer or an experienced fan, play it safe and resist the urge to rush.

**START** – Make sure you have a full tank of gas. Park your vehicle on the north side of the river, close to Michigan Avenue. (Parking is available at the elementary schools on Michigan Avenue next to Mercy Hospital.) Although M-72, on the south side of the river, is a good route out of town, there will be fewer people on the north side (North Down River Road).

Go to the pre-race activities at Ray's Canoe Livery. There you get a feel that this is a crazy race, plus an idea about the tough spectators who follow it.

Select a spot on the bank opposite Ray's to watch the start of the race. After the cannon booms, the best teams usually reach the river first. Watch all the teams jump in the river. Immediately afterward, some people will be running to their cars, but you have time to just walk to your vehicle.

STEPHAN BRIDGE - Your first viewing spot will give you a taste of the party atmosphere of the race. Take your time leaving Grayling. Go on Michigan Avenue to North Down River Road and head east. Go beyond the intersection of Stephan Bridge and North Down River Road, park as far off the road as possible facing east, the direction you will head next. Then walk to the bridge.

You'll probably reach Stephan 30-45 minutes before the first canoes come through, about 10:15 p.m. Although the bridge will have a large light illuminating it, bring a flashlight for the walk

back to your car. When you arrive early to a site such as this one, you have your choice of prime viewing spots.

Alternate where you stop to watch. At one site, select a place where you can see far upstream. At the next site, go down to the river level beneath the bridge or along the shore for a closer view. Don't view from directly beneath the crowds as fans can accidentally spill or drop things.

You'll find quite a few other fans already there. Ask knowledgeable people questions about the race and the paddlers. Sometimes you can sit next to the official timers, but don't talk to them when the canoes are going past.

At Stephan, watch all the canoes go by even though the leaders will be as far as 50 minutes ahead of the last teams. Although other fans will rush off after the leaders are through to catch them at Wakeley Bridge, you will jump ahead to McMasters Bridge just in time to reach it before the leaders at 11:45 p.m.

McMASTERS BRIDGE - Park along the shoulder of the road on the north side of the river. Because you are staying to watch all the canoes go by, the crowds will be thin when you leave. Wait to turn around when you leave. McMasters has traditionally been the loudest, wildest bridge-viewing spot for the race. A few canoes may not have beaten the four-hour cut-off time (1 a.m.) to McMasters and will have been disqualified.

MIO DAM – After you leave McMasters, head to Mio Dam. Park on the north side of the bridge over M-72 and walk to the dam viewing area where the big lights are set up. You'll need a flashlight. Mio Dam is considered the "hump" of the Marathon with canoes passing by between 2:05 and 4 a.m. Most teams that make it to Mio under the seven-hour cut-off time will finish

The temperature can be 10-15 degrees colder on the bottom of Mio Dam, so consider wearing warmer clothes here. This is the last place you'll watch all the racers go by until the finish.

**ALCONA DAM** – The jump-ahead from Mio to Alcona Dam sometimes lets you take a 30- to 40-minute nap before the first paddlers come through around 5:20 a.m. Dawn greets you here. Hot coffee is usually sold in the parking area by the dam, and many fans bring out what they brought for breakfast. You'll see most of the canoes go through, but at 7 a.m., you need to leave.

FIVE CHANNELS DAM - Five Channels has a beautiful view on the north side of the river. You can see the racers paddle, portage down the steep hill and go beneath the two bridges. You can walk over to get a close-up view of the teams running down the portage, beginning around 7:30 a.m. The morning dew and water spilled on the grass by canoes make the slope more slippery than usual, so take care. The race for the top five spots will likely be heating up, so leave by 8 a.m.

**COOKE DAM** – Often the morning heat will start to build up here, and fans will switch from their night-time clothes to something more summery. At Cooke, you can usually tell who has followed the race all night and who is joining the event after a good night's sleep. The leaders will be coming through around 8:30 a.m. If you're enjoying the race among the leaders, leave by 9:15 a.m. If you want to stayllonger, skip Foote Dam and leave at 10:30 a.m. for the finish line in Oscoda...

**FOOTE DAM** – The leaders will hit Foote around 9:40 a.m. The steep portage at Foote Dam is sometimes the scene of an all-out sprint among teams for top spots.

**OSCODA** – Starting around 11 a.m., the finish area is a stage for a wide range of human emotions among racers and supporters - from jubilation to disappointment, from satisfaction to anger. The spot where the paddlers disembark from their boats is farther downstream and offers a more interesting show than the finish line across the river.

THE WHOLE RACE – The most important tip for the entire Marathon is to make safety your priority. Driving all night on two-lane roads and then driving home after staying up all night is dangerous. Many fans stay in Oscoda, at camp grounds or in motels. Others make arrangements for fresh fans to drive them home.

# Tips for Marathon Fans

- DO watch the time trials and check the results because they are amazing predictors of the big race.
- DO carry your program book and spectator guide with you.
- DO watch the other races as well as the one for 1st place.
- DONT yell at teams to "hurry up" because they're "an hour (or whatever) behind the leaders."
- DONT shine your flashlight in the faces of the paddlers at night.
- DO offer encouragement to all the teams – not just the leaders.
- DONT throw firecrackers or shoot off fireworks in the air over the racers.
- DO listen to the radio and TV reports and/or check the ARICM web site during the race.
- DONT assume, because a couple of teams are riding together early in the race, that they will be together the whole race.
- DO check water levels, which can affect the top teams' times by an hour or more (http://water data.usgs.gov/mi/nwis/uv?0413 6000).
- DO talk to other fans at viewing points to get their interesting stories and observations.
- DONT litter the roadsides or the AuSable River.
- **DO** drive safely.



# 58th AuSable River Canoe Marathon

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is organized by the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon, Inc. (ARICM), a non-profit organization whose purpose is to organize and promote the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Marathon, to generate positive public exposure to the communities in the AuSable River Valley, and to increase awareness of our unique natural resource, the AuSable River.

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# Grayling's AuSable River Festival

# Schedule of Events

### Friday, July 22

Grayling Summer Music Series ~ "The Wise Guys" ~ 6 pm ~ Citizens Bank Lawn.

### Saturday, July 23

Sprints for C-2 Race ~ 10 am ~ City Park ~ Sponsored by Spike's Keg O' Nails.

Spike's Challenge C-1 Race ~ 6 pm ~ Borchers' AuSable Canoe Livery ~ Sponsored by Spike's Keg O' Nails.

### Sunday, July 24

Spike's Challenge Race ~ 8:30 am ~ Ray's Canoe Livery ~ Sponsored by Spike's Keg O' Nails.

### Tuesday, July 26

Children's Day ~ 10 am-2 pm ~ City Park ~ Sponsored by Major Contributors.

Ice Cream Social & Dance - King & Queen Inauguration ~ 5:30 pm ~ 308 Lawndale Street ~ Sponsored by Crawford County Commission on Aging.

### Wednesday, July 27

HUP Race (Hurry Up & Paddle - or Sink - Race) ~ 6 pm ~ City Park ~ Sponsored by Grayling Uptown District Association.

### Thursday, July 28

Community Coffee Break ~ 8-11 am ~ Citizens Bank ~ Sponsored by Citizens Bank.

### Joel Tacey's Stiltwalking Extravaganza ~ 1 pm ~ AuSable Primary School ~

Sponsored by Friends of the Library. River Festival Book Sale ~ 2-7 pm ~ Devereaux Memorial Library ~ Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Business Relay Races ~ 5-7 pm ~ From Penrod's to Ray's Canoe Livery ~ Sponsored by Camp Grayling

### Conservation Club. Friday, July 29

River Festival Book Sale ~ 10 am-5 pm ~ Devereaux Memorial Library ~ Sponsored by Friends of the Library. 30th Annual AuSable River Fine Arts & Craft Show ~ 10 am-8 pm ~ City Park. Sponsored by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Annual "Quilt Sitters" Quilt Show ~ 10 am-5 pm ~ Icehouse Quilt Shop ~ Free Admission.

### Casey Challenge Youth Canoe Races ~ 10 am ~ Borchers' Canoe Livery ~ For youths 12-17 ~ Sponsored by Borchers' AuSable Canoe Livery.

Grayling Eagles Pre-Marathon Dinner & Entertainment ~ Dinner 4-7 pm & Entertainment 7:30 p.m. ~ \$1 cover charge ~ Public Welcome.

### Saturday, July 30

26th Annual GRA AuSable River 10K & 1-Mile Fun Run ~ Check in 7:30-8:30 a.m. ~ Race begins at 9 am ~ Start & finish at GHS Football Stadium ~ Sponsored by Grayling Visitors Bureau, Hart Pontiac-GMC-Buick, Weyerhaeuser, AuSable Dental. Family Gannon Broadcasting, Milltown Title & Escrow.

Marathon Breakfast ~ 8 am-1 pm ~ 308 Lawndale Street ~ \$3 Seniors, \$5 Non-Seniors ~ Sponsored by Crawford County Commission on Aging ~ Everyone Welcome.

Classic Car Show ~ 9 am-2 pm ~ Michigan Avenue ~ Sponsored by Scheer Motors, Grayling Uptown District Association, Grayling Visitors Bureau, Davis Jewelers, Super 8 Motel, Upper Lakes Tire Distribution of Grayling.

30th Annual AuSable River Fine Arts & Craft Show ~ 10 am-6 pm ~ City

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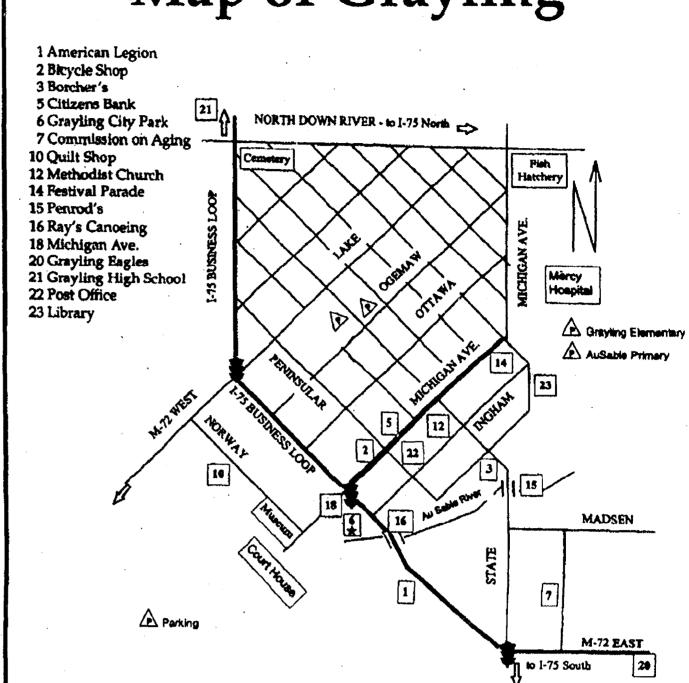
Food Court ~ 10 am-6 pm ~ Michigan Avenue.

Rock Wall ~ 10 am-6 pm ~ Michigan Avenue

Horseshoe Tournament ~ 10 am ~ Grayling Eagles Hall - M-72 West ~ Sponsored by Grayling Eagles #3465.

12th Annual Ox & Pork Roast ~ 12 noon-6 pm ~ Grayling Eagles Hall on M-72 West ~ Sponsored by

# Map of Grayling



Grayling Eagles #3465.

10th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ Dinner ~ 12 noon-6 pm ~ American Legion Hall ~ Sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club.

AuSable River Festival Parade ~ 3 pm ~ On Michigan Avenue ~ "Seasons & Holidays-12 Months of the Year" ~ Sponsored by Grayling Parade

Committee. AuSable River Challenge Races ~ 4 pm registration ~ Race begins at 4:30 pm ~ From Ray's to Burton's Landing ~ Fun Race for 3 classes (aluminum canoes, non-aluminum canoes, kayaks) ~ \$10 entry fee ~ Sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms, Caledonia.

Michelson Memorial Church Ice Cream Social ~ 12 noon-4 pm ~ 400 E. Michigan Avenue.

Marathon Mass ~ 4:30 pm ~ K of C

Hall.

AuSable River Canoe Parade ~ 6:10 pm ~ From Ray's to Penrod's ~ Decorate a canoe with the theme of "Grayling & the AuSable - Just for the Fun of It" ~ Cash Prizes ~ Sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms, Caledonia.

58th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Canoe Race ~ 9 pm ~ LeMans-style start from Michigan Avenue to Ray's Canoe Livery.

Street Dance on Michigan Avenue ~ 9:30-11 pm ~ Michigan Avenue ~ Sponsored by Fund Finders.

### Sunday, July 31

Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour ~ 8 am ~ Start on Michigan Avenue departing for Oscoda ~ Sponsored by Grayling Rotary Club.

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# Oscoda's Schedule of Events

### July 20-26

The Moving Wall ~ A replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans' Memorial ~ the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base off F-41.

### July 25-31

losco County Fair ~ M-65 in Hale.

### July 29-30

'Jolly Roger and the Pirate **Queen'** ~ 2 pm & 7:30 pm on Friday, 7:30 pm on Saturday ~ Shoreline Players Theatre, Skeel at the former Avenue Wurtsmith Air Force Base off F-41 ~ Sponsored by The Shoreline Players Youth Drama

Association.

### July 30

58th Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Canoe Race ~ Beginning at 9 pm in Grayling and ending at Finish Line Park 120 miles and 14 non-stop hours later.

### **July 30-31**

Gagaguwon Traditional Pow Wow ~ Old Orchard Park, 8 miles west of Oscoda on River Road.

### August 1

Paddlers' Breakfast ~ 9 am ~ AuSable Inn.

## Weyerhaeuser **AuSable River Canoe Marathon**

# GRAYLING

### THURSDAY, JULY 28

Time Trials for Starting Positions 5-8:30 p.m. Penrod's AuSable River Resort

**Business Relay Races** 

5 p.m. Penrod's to Ray's Sponsored by Camp Grayling Conservation Club

### FRIDAY, JULY 29

Casey Challenge Youth Canoe Races (Ages 12-17) 10 a.m. Borchers' AuSable Canoe Livery

Time Trials for Starting Positions 2-5:45 p.m. Penrod's AuSable River Resort

Special Olympics Challenge 4:30 p.m.

Marathon racers paddle a looped course with Special Olympians Penrod's AuSable River Resort

> Marathon Paddlers' Dinner 6:30 p.m. Grayling Holiday Inn

### SATURDAY, JULY 30

Marathon Pre-Race Briefing 12 noon Citizens Bank

AuSable River Challenge Races Ray's to Burton's Landing Registration at 4 p.m. Aluminum canoes race begins at 4:30 p.m. Non-aluminum canoes & kayaks races follow Sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms,

AuSable River Canoe Parade

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6:10 p.m. From Ray's to Penrod's Theme: "Grayling & the AuSable – Just for the Fun of It" Cash Prizes to top three entries

> All Remaining Events Held at Ray's Canoe Livery

5:30 p.m. – Pre-Marathon Program

7:00 p.m. – Introduction of Paddlers

7:25 p.m. – Posting of Colors by Michigan

National Guard

8:15 p.m. – Challenge Races Awards Ceremony

8:45 p.m. – Marathon Raffle Drawing 9:00 p.m. - **START of the 58th** 

> Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon

OSCODA

SUNDAY, JULY 31

AuSable River Canoe Marathon Finish Line **Activities** 

> Begin at 10 a.m. at the Finish Line Park & the AuSable Inn

The winning team should arrive between 10:50 a.m. and 12 noon

# 3rd annual challenge races to run before Marathon

The AuSable River Challenge Races, designed for amateurs, are scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30. Two-person teams will race from Ray's Canoe Livery to Burton's Landing, an eight-mile downstream trip estimated to take the fastest paddlers about 60 minutes.

"Amateur wannabe racers of canoes and kayaks may enter the not-so-world-famous . . . races on Saturday afternoon," joked Dr. Dick Crissman of Shagbark Angus Farms, the races' sponsor. "Race only eight miles to Burton's Landing – that's just one-fifteenth of a Marathon. Win fame and glory

and maybe a trophy."

The first class competitors will race first - about 4:30 p.m. - in any type of aluminum pleasure canoes. The second class participants use non-racing fiberglass or composition canoes and begin a few minutes later.

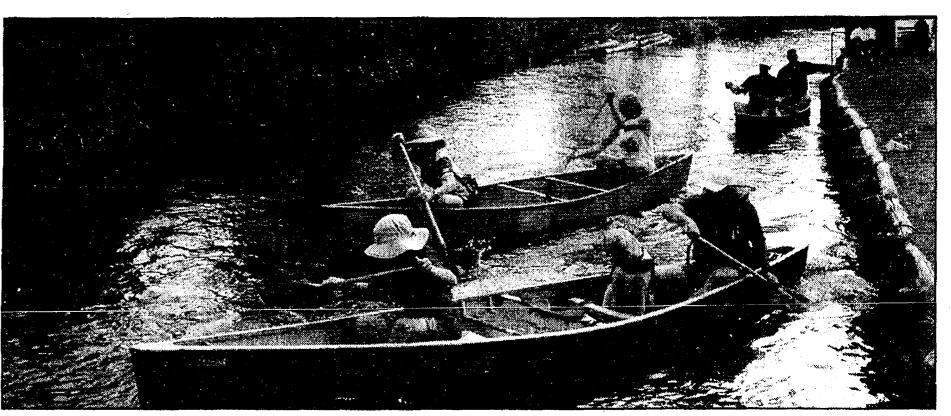
The third and final class, kayaks, will take off last.

Competitors can use their own water crafts, or canoes can be rented from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$5, which includes transportation back to Ray's from Burton's Landing.

"You may stop to fish or take pictures of the beautiful river, but you get no extra credit," said Dr. Crissman. "Overland shortcuts will result in excommunication."

The entry fee for two-person teams is \$10. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in each class, and the first 40 participants to enter the challenge races or the canoe parade – also sponsored by Shagbark Angus Farms - will receive free t-shirts.

Entry forms are available at the office of John Cherven, CPA, in the Grayling Mini Mall, the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, the Marathon merchandise store, the time trials (at Penrod's Canoe Livery) or at streamside before the races.



Three teams in the non-aluminum canoe class take off from Ray's Canoe Livery in the 2nd annual Shaqbark Farms Challenge Races. (Photo courtesy of Bob Crissman)

'Grayling & the AuSable – Just for the Fun of It'

# Prizes awarded for top entries in 3rd annual canoe parade

The third annual AuSable Festival Canoe Parade will take place on Saturday, July 30, at about 6:10 p.m., following the running of the AuSable River Challenge Races.

With "Grayling & the AuSable -Just for the Fun of It" as its theme, the parade will feature decorated water crafts cruising the short distance from Ray's to Penrod's canoe liveries. The entries will be judged by spectator applause, with prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25 going to the top three canoes.

To encourage participation, no entry fee will be charged and t-shirts will be given to the first 40 entrants in the parade or the challenge races, both sponsored by Dr. Dick Crissman and John Crissman of Shagbark Angus Farms in Caledonia.

Canoes can be rented for the parade from Ray's Canoe Livery for \$1, which includes transportation for the crafts and contestants back to Ray's by employees of the two liveries.

Dr. Crissman and the ARICM committee encourage entrants to be creative and imaginative in decorating their canoes and themselves. Music, as well as decorations, can be used. If needed, team members may wade alongside to steady the canoes.

"The theme is pretty vague on purpose," said Dr. Crissman. "So decorate the canoe and all your team members in something outrageous. There is no entry fee, so start planning and surprise us all and get a free t-shirt to boot."

Registration forms are available at the office of John Cherven, CPA, in the Grayling Mini Mall, the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce, the Marathon merchandise store, the time trials (at Penrod's Canoe Livery) or at. streamside before the parade. Return completed forms to Cherven's office, or call him at 348-2554 if you have questions.



Children and adults alike get into the fun of the 2004 AuSable Festival Canoe Parade. (Photo courtesy of Bob Crissman)

# Cyclists race or tour to Oscoda in 5th annual Avita Water Black Bear

The fifth annual Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour will begin in downtown Grayling on Sunday, July 31, at 8 a.m. - 11. hours after the Marathon cers depart - v / hundreds of cyclists in pursuit of the \$1,000 pura

As the coopersts must earry their boats four blocks along Peninsular Avenue before jumping in the AuSable River at Ray's Canoe Livery on Şaturday night, the Black Bear participants will follow the spirit of the Marathon by running one block on Michigan Avenue before jumping on their bikes Sunday morning.

From then on, it's a race as to whether a canoe or a bike hits the finish line in Oscoda first.

"The racing canoes average from eight to nine miles per hour, while a fast cyclist can average speeds close to 30 miles per hour," said Wayne Koppa, event chairperson and Marathon volunteer.

On Sunday, the fastest bikers are estimated to hit the Mio area at 9:48 a.m., McKinley at 10:14 a.m., Glennie at 10:50 and Oscoda at 12 noon.

Spectators are welcome along the course to greet and cheer on all the riders.

The bicycle tour features a 100-mile "century" route that crosses the AuSable River five times and has several class options for competitors. Or teams of two can enter the McKinley class, in which the first rider covers the territory from Grayling to the community of McKinley and the second rides from McKinley to Oscoda.

In the Black Bear's first two

years, no bicycle rider beat the winning canoeists to Oscoda. But 2003 changed that, with Novi's Mark Walls finishing the 100 miles in 3:47:37 minutes to best the canoes by less than ten minutes, and Olivet's David Johnson's win in 2004 with 3:38:20. Bonnie Karas of Rochester Hills was the fastest female in all four years with a personal best of 3:49:40 in

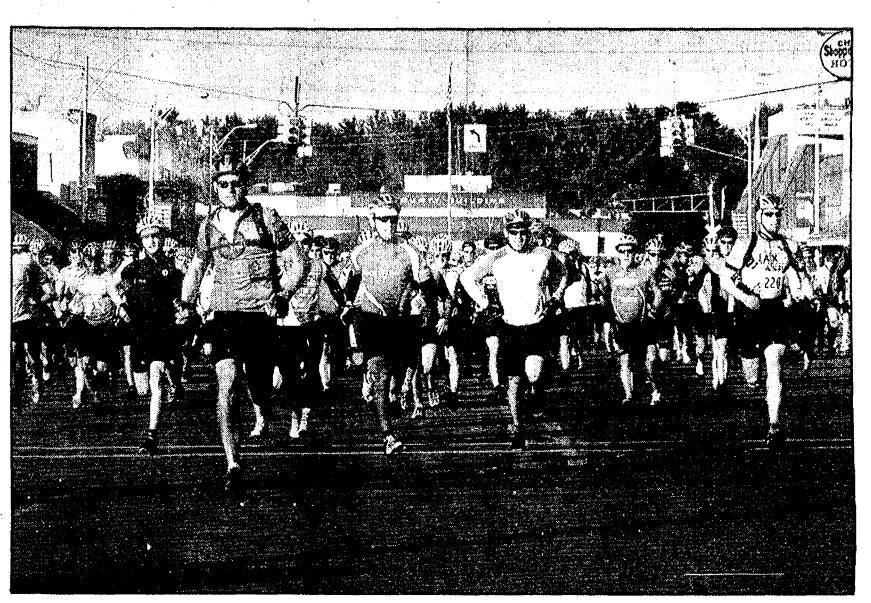
Bikers who don't aim to beat the Marathon racers can still enjoy this tour by riding a relaxed pace. The finish line in Oscoda stays open unfil 4 p.m., giving cyclists the opportunity to ride the route fast or leisurely.

"The route contains some of the most beautiful scenery in the world," said Koppa. "The State Forest in the Mio area has been identified by Bicycling magazine as one of the '50 best areas on the planet to ride.' Forests of towering pines and the AuSable River cutting through the and make for breathtaking views."

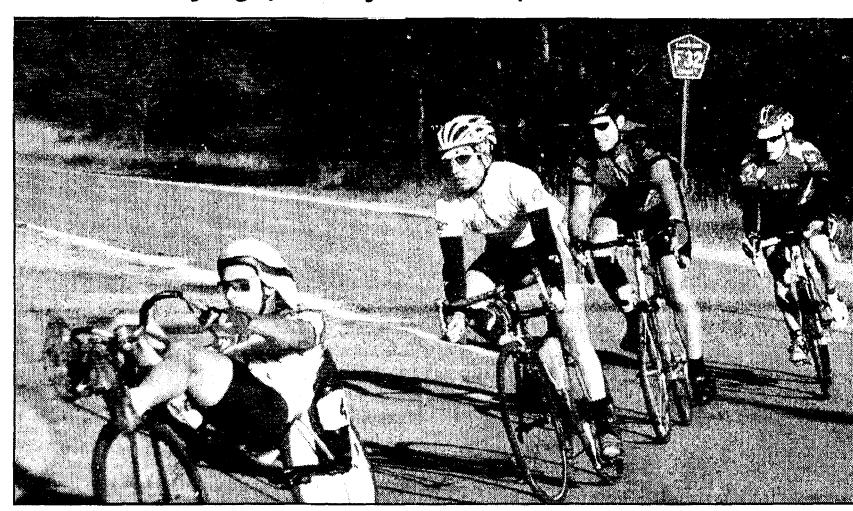
The Black Bear is sponsored and run by the Grayling Rotary, which will provide a baggage truck and support vehicles along the route, as well as the \$1,000 in winnings and assorted raffle prizes.

Proceeds from the Black Bear Tour will go toward Rotary charities. In the past, the local Rotary contributed to the construction of the Grayling Bicycle Turnpike and provided free bike helmets to children participating in the Grayling Bicycle Rodeo.

Additional information can be at 'www.graylingarea.com/blackbear2005.



Black Bear competitors race to their bicycles to start the 2004 race in downtown Grayling. (Photo by Mark Sloan)



Cyclists in the 2004 Black Bear Bicycle Tour round a corner in Crawford County on their way to the finish line in Oscoda. (Photo by Mark Sloan)

### 2004 Avita Water Black Bear Bicycle Tour Results

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# Opening ceremony at Ray's to showcase Michigan performer

Mark Walnowski, a musician and magician, will present a mix of music and magic when he opens the pre-Marathon ceremonies on the banks of the AuSable at Ray's Canoe Livery at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30.

Walnowski, a native of Canton and owner of Premier Auto Auction in Westland, has entertained throughout the state at charitable events, including the 2004 Marathon's opening ceremony.

Following his performance at Ray's, Walnowski will move downstream to Borchers' Bed & Breakfast, owned by Mark and Cheri Hunter, to offer a second show for spectators watching the start of the race from the Borchers' Canoeing and Carlisle Canoe Livery areas.

"Fans were really happy with his performance last year, and anyone not coming early to the start of the running of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon will be missing out on some of Michigan's best live entertainment," said Wayne Koppa, veteran ARICM volunteer.

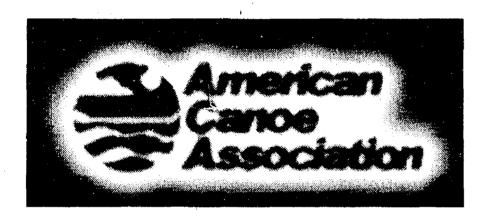


Mark Walnowski

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The AuSable Canoe Marathon is sanctioned by the American **Canoe Association** 703-451-0141

### **Marathon Fast Facts**

- Al Widing Sr. has raced the AuSable River Canoe Marathon with a member of his family 18 times throughout his racing career.
- Al Widing Sr. has paddled the AuSable River Canoe Marathon with 17 different partners throughout his racing career.
- The Widing family is 7th in career points scored, 6th in top five finishes, 6th in top ten finishes. 3rd in years represented, 2nd in number of Marathons entered and 2nd in family members with the same last name who have been top ten finishers.

### ARICM is selling two types of RAFFLE TICKETS

to benefit the 58th AuSable River International Canoe Marathon

> \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5

Grayling Raffle Ticket

Get one McDonald's medium fries free with each ticket \$1,000 prize

The drawing will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 8:45 p.m. during the Pre-Race Program at Ray's Canoe Livery in Grayling

Oscoda Raffle Ticket 1st prize – Handmade Memorabilia Quilt 2nd prize - Thompson Center Fire Rifle & other prizes, including golf packages

The drawing will be held on Sunday, July 31st, between 1 & 4 p.m. At the AuSable Township Finish Line Park in Osco'da

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the office of John D. Cherven, C.P.A. in the Grayling Mini Mall, Oscoda Carpet & Furniture, Oscoda Home Center, Gary Oil and from some ARICM Volunteers

# The Spike's Challenge Paddlers' Tribute Race

C-1 & C-2 Events

July 23-24, 2005 Grayling-McMasters Bridge

The Spike's "Tougher than Nails Challenge/ Paddlers' Tribute Race" is a pro-am canoe race that kicks off the week-long AuSable River Festival, covers the upper part of the AuSable River and includes the MCRA state amateur championship race.

Featuring a LeMans-style start, it is an opportunity for AuSable River Canoe Marathon participants to practice the course in daylight hours under race conditions and for first-timers to measure themselves against the cut-off times for the Marathon.

For information, contact Race Coordinator John Lucey at 989-348-0148 or jlucey@i2k.com.

The Spike's Challenge is sponsored by Spike's Keg o' Nails.

### AuSable National Scenic River

The AuSable National Scenic River is a 23-mile segment of the Main Branch, located near the communities of Mio and McKinley. The segment begins below Mio Pond and ends at the bridge on Forest Service Road 4001.

National Scenic River Information to Know:

- Personal flotation devices are required for each watercraft occupant and must be worn by children 6 and under at all times. It's the law.
- "Pack It In Pack It Out." No garbage service is available. No glass containers on the river.
- Quality fishing waters Mio Bridge to McKinley Bridge: artificial lures and flies only. Camp at designated sités. "First come – first served" at each site.

Managed by the Mio Ranger District Huron-Manistee National Forests 401 North Court Street Mio, MI 48647 989-826-3252

Recreation Fee Program Some Forest Service access sites on the AuSable River require A Recreation Fee Pass. Recreation Fee Passes may be purchased at local venders, liveries and Forest Service Offices. Recreation fees support local access sites and programs.

# Special Thanks To:

### GRAYLING

Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills ~ for its excellent radio communication support during the race.

**Ken Wright** ~ for being the Marathon webmaster.

Nancy Lemmen ~ for working in the Marathon office race night.

Kirtland Community College ~ for providing hosting of the Marathon website and for massage therapy for the paddlers. OTEC Communications ~ for hand-held

radios for start-line communications. Wayne Hindmarsh & Cheryl Alef ~ for

being start-line emcees. George Blaha ~ for his help and support

over many years. Avita ~ for providing water for the start-

line VIP tent. Barb Bowers ~ for managing the VIP tent.

Glens ~ for food at the VIP tent. Ray's Canoeing & the Fly Factory ~ for hosting the race start.

The AuSable Inn & Finish Line Sports Bar ~ for hosting the race finish. Penrod's Resort ~ for hosting the time tri-

als for position. Becky Ramaswamy ~ for singing at the

Time Trials. **Tim Zigila** ~ for being MC at the Paddlers

Borchers' Canoe Livery & Carlisle Canoe

**Livery** ~ for providing additional parking during the time trials.

Gott's Landing ~ for the use of their facilities during the race. Mio Dam Team ~ for assistance at Mio

McDonald's of Grayling ~ for its support

of the Marathon raffle. Camp Grayling Conservation Club ~ for organizing the business relay races.

Mark & Cheri Hunter/Borchers Canoe **Livery** ~ for organizing the youth races. Mike Wieland ~ for emceeing the time trials for position.

Camp Grayling & the Michigan National **Guard** ~ for logistical support.

Gerald Keelan ~ for the use of his storefront for the Marathon merchandise store. Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers ~ for organizing and staffing the merchandize store.

Crawford County Road Commission ~ for

logistical support. Mobile Medical Response (MMR) & Oscoda Area First Responders ~ for pro-

viding EMT and ambulance service. Crawford County Avalanche ~ for assistance with publicity.

Consumers Energy ~ for its cooperation and use of its facilities.

Pam Williams & Barb Hunter ~ for their helpful supplies to the race office.

David Sabin ~ for his legal advice. All the volunteers ~ for assistance with the

many jobs, including canoe measuring, raffle ticket sales, distribution of program books, timing, staffing the race office, planning the pre-race program and doing all the other tasks that make the Marathon a success.

Grayling area businesses ~ for their support of the Marathon.

The Sheriff's Departments of Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona & Iosco Counties, Grayling Police Department, Oscoda Township Police, Michigan DNR & Michigan State Police ~ for law enforcement support.

### OSCODA

Oscoda Carpet & Furniture B & B General Contracting Pat Dailey **Jeff Samotis** Oscoda Eagles Oscoda Fire Department & Rescue Charter Communication Pingot Electric Oscoda United Methodist Church Leroy Rickett Jim Abney Ted White Vance & MaryAnn Gary Oscoda Township AuSable Township Oscoda Press Northeastern Shopper

All of the volunteers who have helped with our fundraising efforts and at the finish line.

The local businesses and citizens who have shown their support.

## ARICM to sell merchandise to benefit race operations

Baseball caps, t-shirts, tank tops and sweatshirts in various designs and colors - all unique to 2005 - will be on sale at the Gerald Keelan building (formerly Boards and Beyond) in downtown Grayling at the corner of Michigan and James between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. starting July 18.

On Marathon day, sales will move to the lawn of Citizens Bank until 5 p.m., then to Ray's Canoe Livery until 9 p.m. After the race, whatever merchandise remains will be available at the ARICM office in the Grayling Mini Mall.

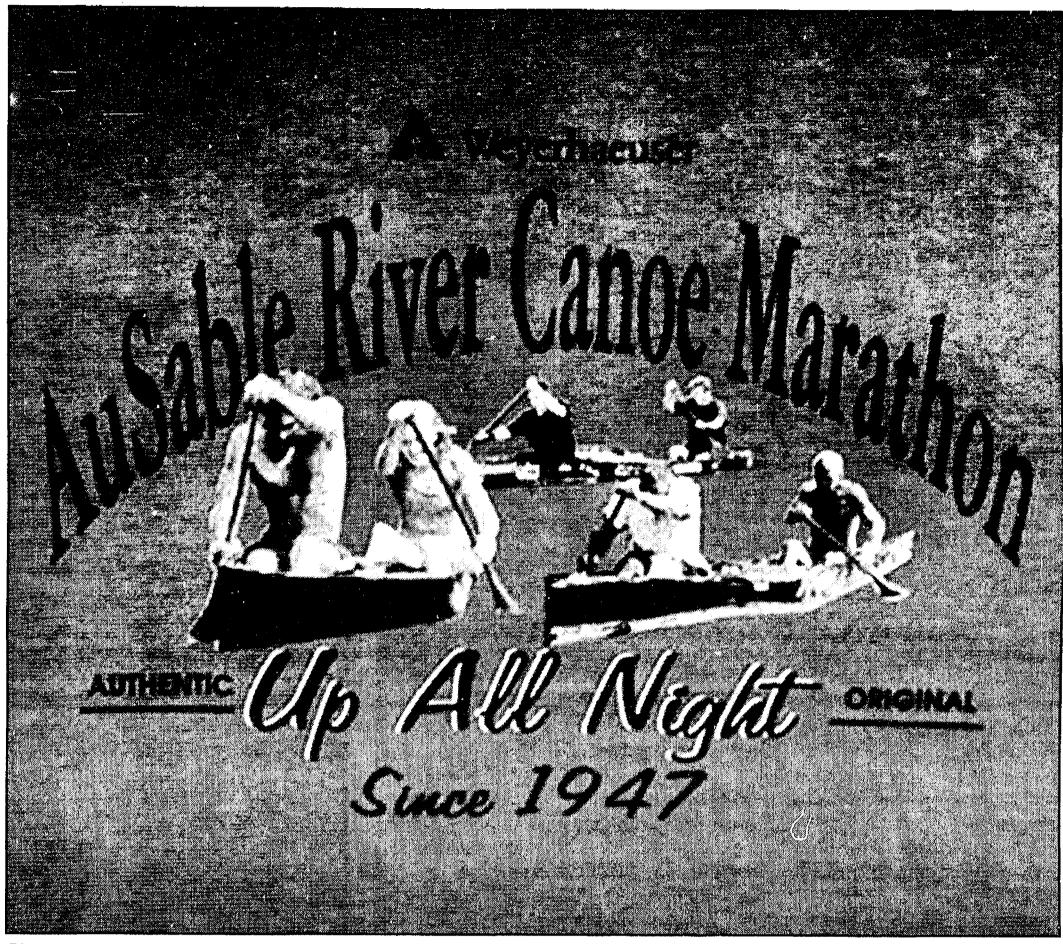
In Oscoda, Marathon merchandise is available year-round at Oscoda Carpet & Furniture, located at 4289 South U.S.

Merchandise sales are very important as they account for almost half of the operating budget of the Marathon, said Phil Weiler, merchandise committee chairperson for the last 15 years. Profits from merchandise sales go directly into the Marathon's operations budget.

"Merchandise sales have increased every year, thanks to the support of the Marathon fans," said Weiler. "Over the last couple of years, we have moved over 5,000 pieces of merchandise annually. With new technology available, we've been able to produce cutting-edge designs."

The "Wear a Marathon T-shirt Day" program has been a huge success, thanks to the support of area businesses, said Weiler. Businesses order shirts, and their employees wear them on Friday of Marathon week – July 29 this year.

Weiler also acknowledged members of the Crawford AuSable Federation of Teachers, who are staffing the store prior to race day, and the Grayling High School ski team, which will be selling



Pictured here is one of this year's AuSable Marathon t-shirt designs. Sales of AuSable River Canoe Marathon apparel benefit the race.

the merchandise on race day.

The other members of the Marathon's merchandise committee are Marian LaMotte, Andy Moore and Tim Zigila.

The committee needs volunteers to staff the merchandise table at Penrod's during the sprints on Thursday and Friday prior to the race, at the Paddlers'

Dinner on Friday evening and in Oscoda at the finish line. To volunteer, call Andy Moore during work hours (348-6731) or the race office (348-4425).



#### **Marathon Fast Facts**

- The Marathon, at 120 miles, is the longest, toughest, richest non-stop canoe race in North America with a purse of \$50,000.
- As of July 6, 13 first-time Marathon racers had entered. Mitch McMillian of Clare will be in Canoe #6. Matt Meersman of South Bend will be in Canoe #63. Chris Hewitt of Bay City will be in Canoe #61. Troy Winters of Cedar Springs will be in Canoe #136A. Brad Gross of Pinconning will be in Canoe #8. Alison Scott of Spokane will be in Canoe #17. Chris McKenzie of Gaylord will be in Canoe #12. Nick Walton of Haslett and Bob Mitchell of Redford will be paddling together in Canoe # 24. Karine Pellerin of Lac a la Tortue will be in Canoe #98. Ted Matthews of East Tawas will be in Canoe # 60. Gary Aprea of Australitz will be in Canoe #85. Brett Thunstrom of Anoka will be in Canoe #97.

## Be a race sponsor

Support the AuSable River Canoe Marathon as a race sponsor. Contact the Marathon Committee at aricm@i2k.net, by calling 989-348-4425 or by stopping by the race office in the Grayling Mini Mall to see how your business can become an AuSable Canoe Marathon race sponsor.

#### **Marathon Fast Facts**

- One brother-brother team is competing: Canoe #87 (Rodney) Halstead & Ryan Halstead of Grayling). Three brothers are racing with other partners, Jim, Ray and Nick Bauer. Jim will be in Canoe #17 with Alison Scott, both of Spokane, Washington. Ray will be in Canoe #83 with Tom Ackemeyer, both of Cincinnati, Ohio. Nick will be in Canoe # 7 with Brad Bauer, Jim's son. Nick hails from Spokane and Brad from Seattle Washington.
- Although they are not racing together, brother Ted Smutek and sister Amy Solak are both racing. Ted, of Luzerne, will be in Canoe #22 with Colin Hunter of Grayling, and Amy, of Traverse City, will be in Canoe#10 with Connie Cannon of East Lansing. Their father, Frank Smutek of Luzerne, is paddling in Canoe #94 with Rejean Huard of Shawinigan, Quebec.
- Chris Hewitt of Bay City, racing with his father Chuck, is the youngest paddler in the 2005 Marathon at age 15.

## GRA to sponsor annual 10K race, fun run/walk

Grayling Recreational Authority's annual 10K race & one-mile fun run/walk will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 9 a.m., as part of the AuSable River Festival.

The 6.2-mile running flat course begins and ends at Grayling High School's Ferguson Football Field (located three miles north of Grayling on Old U.S. 27 North) and follows the Wayne C Koppa Pathway into Grayling or heads toward Hartwick Pines State Park.

Registration runs 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Saturday at the stadium's concession stand. The 10K race and a one-mile fun run/walk follow at 9 a.m.

Free custom t-shirts will be given to all 10K participants. In the 10K race only, awards will go to the top three finishers in each age group, and trophies will go to the overall male and female finishers. No awards will be presented for the fun run/walk.

The entry fee for 10K racers is \$15 if postmarked by July 16 and \$20 on race day. The fun run/walk is free to all participants.

The annual GRA event is sponsored by the Grayling Visitors Bureau, Hart Pontiac-GMC-Buick, Weyerhaeuser, AuSable Family Dental, Gannon Broadcasting, Milltown Title & Escrow, The Bicycle Shop, Grayling Fish Hatchery and Fay's Motel.

For more information, visit www.hanson hills.org.



All participants in the 2005 GRA 10K will receive a free custom t-shirt with the design, pictured here, by Lon Gauthier.

## Special Olympics canoe race designed to yield fun for all

By Matt Seager Reprinted from The Crawford County Avalanche

Although only one Canoe Marathon paddling team will be the first to cross the finish line in Oscoda this year, there will be at least one event taking place during Marathon week in which everyone is a winner.

Starting at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29, at Penrod's, during the second day of the Canoe Marathon time trial sprints, the Knights of Columbus will host their annual Special Olympics canoe race.

"This puts smiles on their faces, and almost all the Olympians come back the next year," said John Cherven, an event volunteer, member of the Knights of Columbus and treasurer of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

The Knights of Columbus donate \$300 to fund the event each year and provide volunteers to work the race. But they aren't the only ones who help out.

"We always have plenty of volunteers from the Marathon," said Cherven. Each Special Olympian is paired with a professional paddler from the Canoe Marathon. The pro paddler, who rides in the back of the boat, provides most of the muscle as the canoe races upstream and then back down.

Of course, this "race" is not really about competition.

"It's another one of these Marathon traditions that's just become a lot of fun," said Cherven.

Just a few of the fans' favorite paddlers to join in on the fun in years past include Robert Bradford, Lynne Witte, Bill Torongo and Matthew Rimer. All these paddlers and more are likely to return for this year's event.

"Generally, we get new sign-ups, plus the same ones year after year who race with the same paddler," said Jane Croze, a Special Olympics program organizer from the C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District.

In fact, many paddlers stay in touch with their Special Olympic partner throughout the year. Cherven mentioned that a paddler who lives as far away as New Hampshire has remained in touch with one local Special Olympian.

"There's just been a real connection," said Croze. "The special needs students all love being involved in sporting events."

On average, there are about 15-20 special needs participants each year. After the event, each Special Olympian is invited to the annual Paddlers' Dinner. At the dinner, each participant is individually recognized and presented with a medal and/or



At the end of the 1990 Special Olympics Challenge Race, race coordinator John Cherven congratulates a competitor. (Photo courtesy of ARICM)

commemorative hat.

"It just makes you feel good," said Cherven.

As an additional boost to Special Olympics programs throughout the state, ten percent of all Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon entry fees is donated to the Michigan Special Olympics each year. This usually adds up to about \$600. The Canoe Marathon Committee presents this money to Special Olympics officials at the Paddlers' Dinner.

All in all, the event seems to be a highlight of the AuSable River Festival for everyone involved.

"The day it's over (the Special Olympians) start talking about it . . . until it's ready to start back up in the summer," said Croze.

To sign up a special needs student for this year's race, contact Croze at 989-348-

## Canoeist Verlen Kruger display on exhibit in Roscommon

A display featuring the adventures of Verlen Kruger on waters in the Western Hemisphere is on exhibit at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon through Labor Day. An early-model canoe and a later example of the boats he built, as well as his personal gear and journals, are included in the display.

Kruger, who died August 2, 2004, left a "magnificent, remarkably diversified legacy in his wake," wrote Janet Perry in the Christmas 2004 issue of Canoe News. "He built a series of sturdy, seaworthy canoes, made and broke world records for distance, speed, location and direction as he paddled around two continents, and he established a community consciousness for wetland environmentalism . . ."

Kruger, who began paddling at age 41 and continued until 81, logged more than

100,000 miles on adventurous expeditions in his 40-plus prototypes of paddle crafts - enough to earn himself 11 inclusions in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Often with a partner, he planned and executed feats such as paddling upstream in the Grand Canyon and Mississippi River.

Written accounts of his adventures can be found in *One Incredible Journey* by Kruger and Klein and The Ultimate Canoe Challenge by Frentz and Kruger. Other accounts of Kruger's travels can be found at www.krugercanoes.com and in several editions of *Canoe and Kayak* magazines.

In 1978, Kruger, of Lansing, earned an AuSable River Canoe Marathon Iron Paddler award for completing ten plus Marathons. At that point, the 56-year-old paddler had completed 13 races. In the 1980 Marathon, Kruger became the oldest paddler to finish the Marathon in the top ten up to that point with his 9th place finish at age 58.

Kruger was born in Indiana in 1922. The second of nine children, he quit school at 14 to help out his family. Drafted into the Army, he became a reconnaissance tank driver in World War II, then graduated from the Army Air Force flight. training school as a pilot and commissioned officer. He became a flight instructor, training advanced fighter pilots, and then served a tour of duty flying P-51's over Korea and Japan.

He met Genevieve (Jenny) Seavolt during his pilot training at Michigan State University, and they were married during his stint in the service. After moving several times, the Kruger's settled in Lansing.

where they reared nine children and Verlen worked in the plumbing business.

In his early 40's, he discovered canoeing in Ontario and established Kruger Canoes LLC. Throughout the next four decades, he paddled over 100,000 miles – 30,000 miles more than anyone else in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Although he had been to all 50 states before discovering canoeing, he subsequently rediscovered 48 of them by canoe.

The AuSable River Center, staffed by volunteers, is located at 602 George Street, behind the CRAF Center, in Roscommon. It is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. through Labor Day.

For information or to set up special tours, call 989-275-5826.

## Amateur Radio Association provides Marathon support

The Amateur Radio Association of Hanson Hills will provide communications for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon for the thirteenth consecutive year.

Radio operators, stationed at all of the 14 bridges and dams along the route and at the finish line in Oscoda, relay positions and timing information on each canoe team to the race headquarters in Grayling for the 19 hours of the Marathon.

Two operators are assigned to each timing location. The first one, who stays by Marathon official timers, uses a handheld two-meter radio to communicate to the second operator, who is stationed in a mobile unit at the adjacent highway location.

Timing and position information for each canoe is relayed from the timing point to the mobile unit and then to race headquarters. There the received data for all of the 15 timing locations is entered into a computer where elapsed and split times are calculated, compared to previous course records, immediately updated to the Marathon website (www.ausable

canoemarathon.org) and provided to the media for commercial broadcast.

The ARAHH also provides communication for the additional races during the week prior to the Marathon and the time trials to determine starting position.

"The radio club is a wonderful group to work with," said Marcia Koppa, veteran ARICM volunteer. "They provide accurate and timely information year after year. And they make it look so easy."

"Í was a timer when they were not part of the race, and it was hard to get information back to the race office in a timely manner," added Pam Williams, who has timed for several Marathons since the 1970's. "You had to find a phone at a nearby store. Now, as the paddlers come in, the information is radioed back to the race office. It's safer too – we're able to keep better track of the racers."

The Marathon Race Headquarters is located in the Grayling Mini Mall and remains open throughout the night of July 30 until the race is completed on the afternoon of the 31st. Visitors are welcome to stop in or call (989-348-4425) -for updates.



During the 2004 Marathon, Paul Botkin, ARAHH member, calls race results in to the race headquarters from McKinley Bridge. (Photo by Jon Schultz)

All communications for the 2005 Marathon will be transmitted through the K5EKP Repeater located in Mio, said Ken Wright, ARAHH charter member.

"This two-meter repeater is on a frequency of 147.14 Mhz. Our thanks go to Bill Gilbert for providing such a superb amateur radio resource."

## GREETINGS FROM IRAQ



Grayling Marathoners, Lee Barnett, Phil Trudgeon and Josh Sheldon, now stationed with the American forces in Iraq, send their greetings to the 2005 competitors. Several other Marathon racers are among those serving overseas or scheduled to be deployed soon. (Photo courtesy of Tom Gardiner)

## 2nd annual **HUP Race** sponsored by GUDA

It's not the Marathon, but this canoe race should be fun.

Register your team for the second annual HUP (Hurry Up & Paddle - or sink) Race, sponsored by the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA), which will be held in the City Park on Wednesday, July 27, at 6 p.m.

Registration for the HUP Race, which is limited to 20 teams, is \$50. This gets each team the materials needed to make your own canoe - one piece of plywood, two two-byfours, one pound of nails and a roll of duct tape. Design and construction decisions are left up to each team. Canoes can be decorated to reflect a river theme, but the teams must follow the rules provided at registration time.

Chairperson Ann Stephenson said the committee encourages families to enter the 2005 event, which was a lot of fun last year.

"We were really successful last year, and we're really excited for this year's race. We have past winners coming back and challenging others to beat them."

In fact, your team will receive a \$5 discount off your entry fee if you challenge another team and persuade it to enter.

Brian Lawson, sportscaster from TV 9 & 10, will emcee the event, and Thane Doremire will provide the music.

A 1st place prize goes to the "fastest HUPer," and other prizes will be given, including "most creative," "best costume" and "sinker award."

Snacks will be provided and served by the River Rats, comprised of HUP Race committee members Stephenson, Dori Branson, Pam Fisher, Jamie Greer, Nancy Hunt and Lanise Rutter.

The race is underwritten by Huntington Bank. Proceeds help GUDA sponsor other community events.

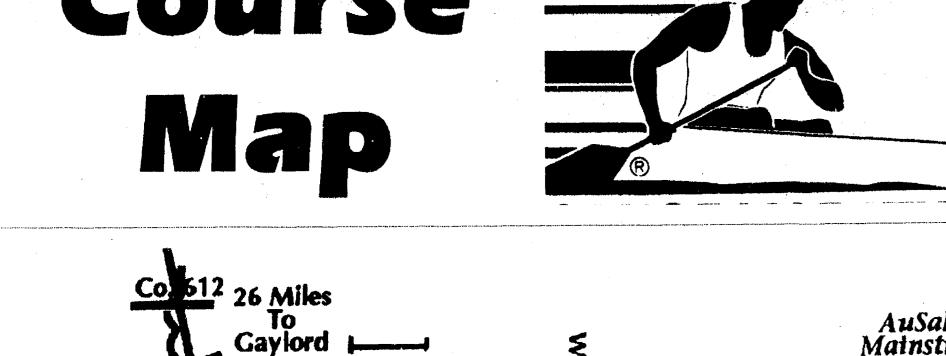
Register your canoe at J.Dap Company on Michigan Avenue in uptown Grayling.

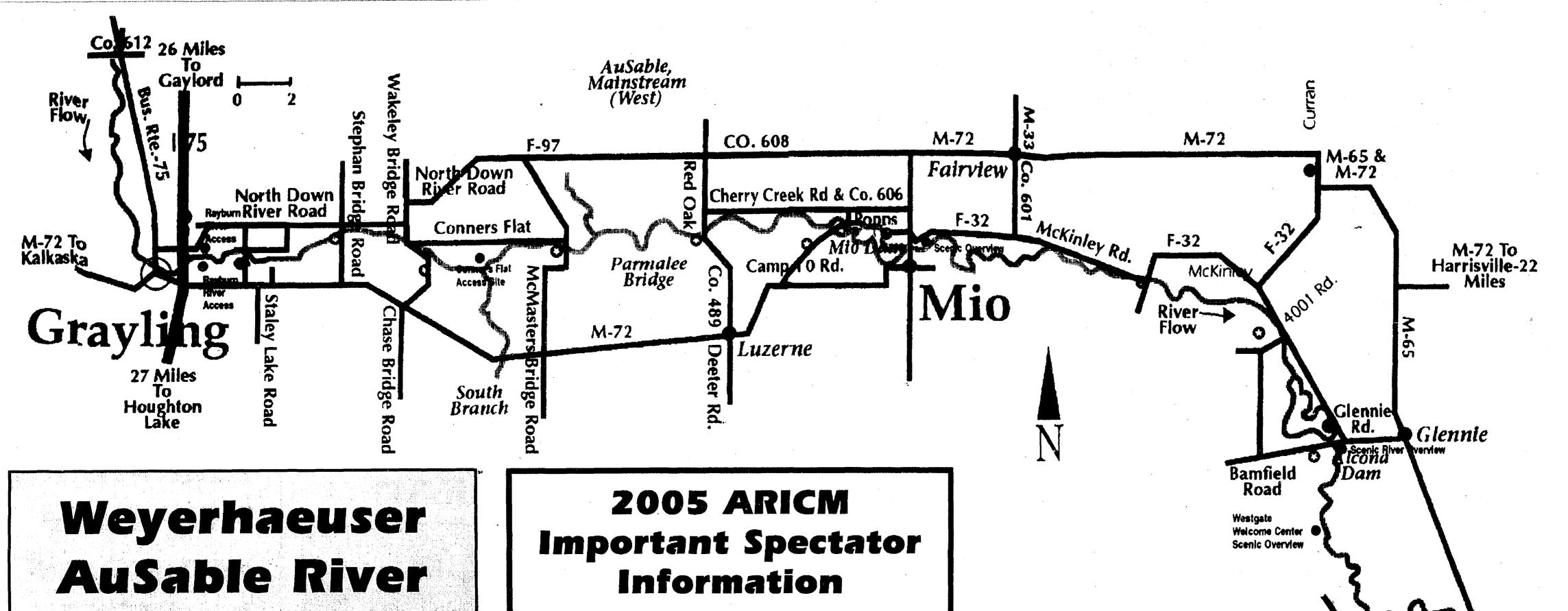
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Alcona Dam - Only feeders and officials will be allowed into the dam parking lot. Spectators should park in the field on the north side of the river and walk across the bridge to the

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Whirlpool near Oscoda – Everyone must park in the parking lot - not at the boat launch area. The U.S. Forest Service will issue tickets at this area.

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**Point-to-Point Records** 

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Cooke Dam

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**Mio** – Gott's Landing (8 a.m.-6 p.m.) **McKinley** – McKinley Grocery Store

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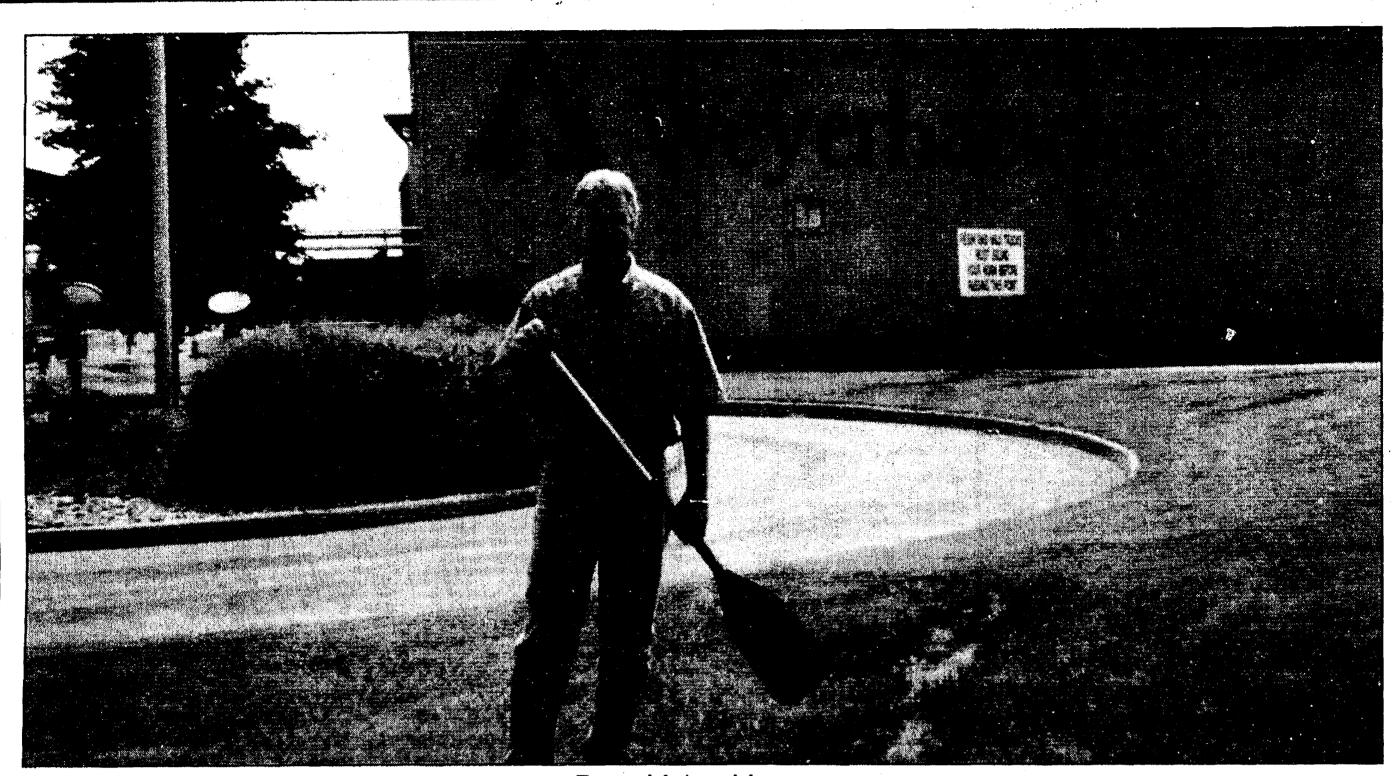
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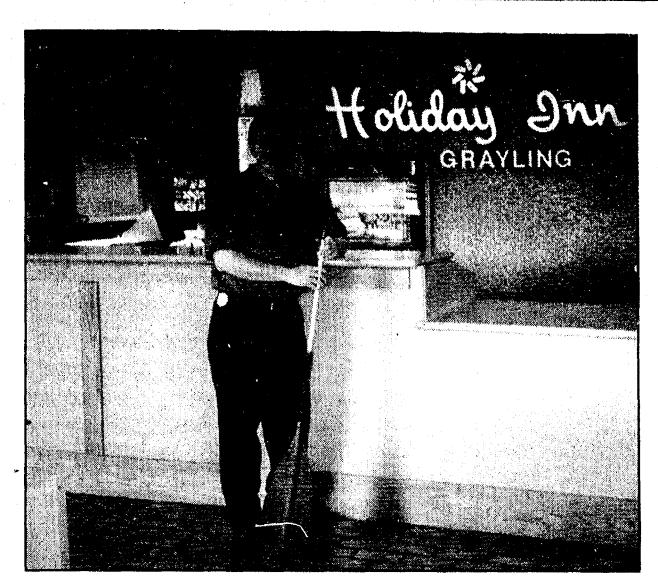
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Lynn Porritt-McConnell, Laura Figley, Kim Porter, Mary Varty, Johanna Jurkovich. (Not pictured: Wanda Jackson, Sally Noeske)

Milltown Title & Escrow of Grayling: "We're proud to support the Marathon and the Grayling community."





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John Alef, Sherry Miller, Rhonda Haas, Lisa Smith, Lisa Jacobs, Jack Stevens

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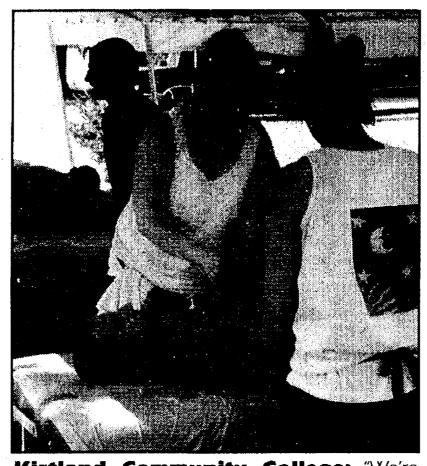


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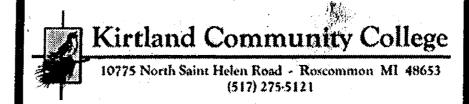
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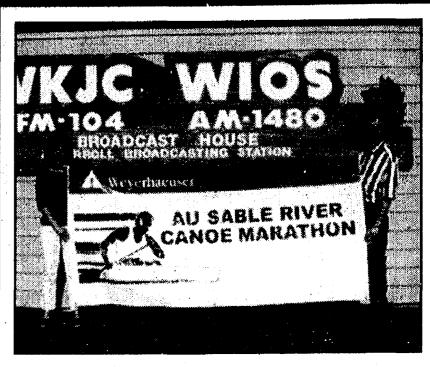
of broadcast coverage of the Marathon."





Kirtland Community College: "We're here for you. Good luck, racers."





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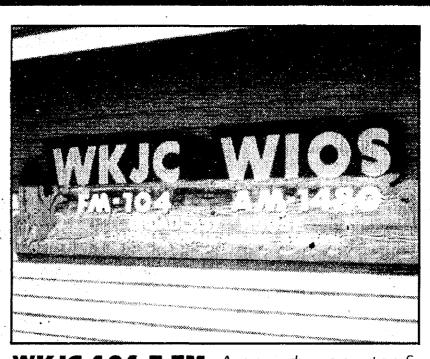




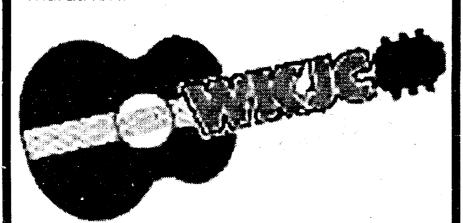
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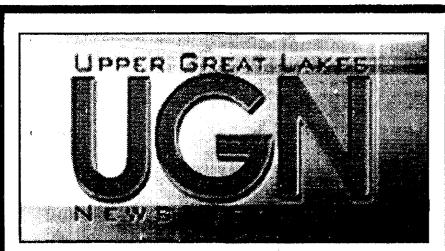
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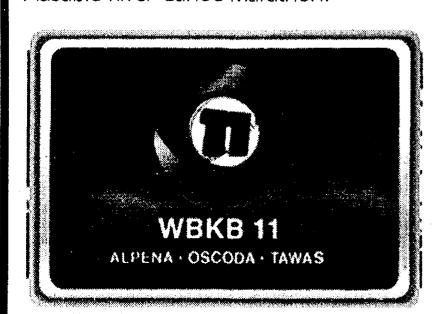


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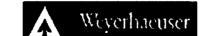


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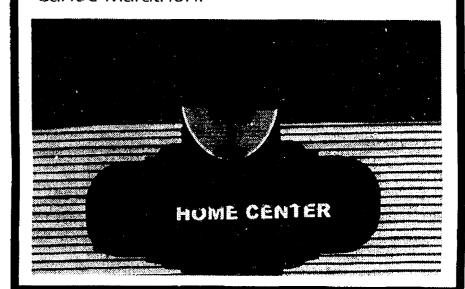
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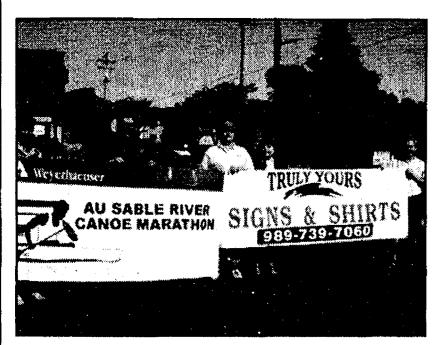
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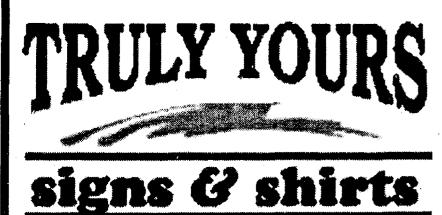


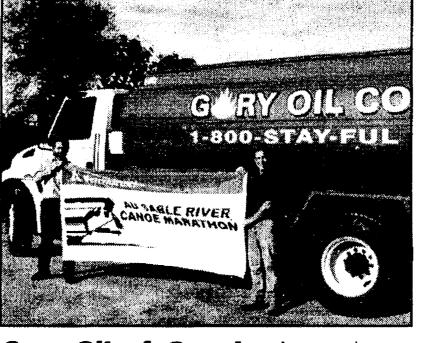
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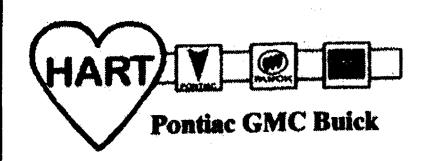
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Tim Hart and Bill Hart, Owners

Hart Motors of West Branch: "Best of luck to the 2005 canoe racers from your friends at Hart Pontiac/GMC/Buick."





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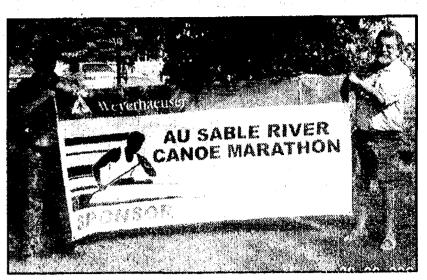




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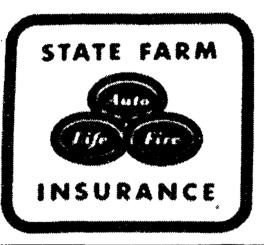


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(front) Tammy Moxham, Elaine Sweeney, Karen Csernyik, (back) Jim Meekhof, Joe Swain, Chad Schultz

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"The AuSable River Canoe Marathon is one of the most exciting events in northern Michigan. Participation in the event enhances our community."





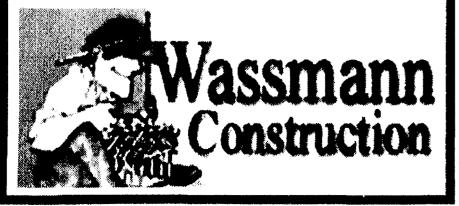
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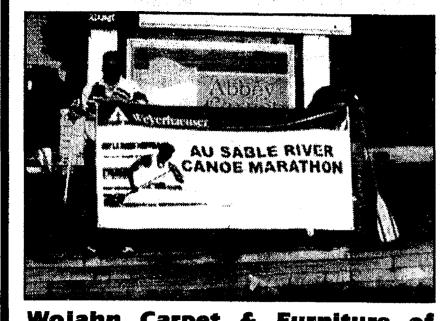
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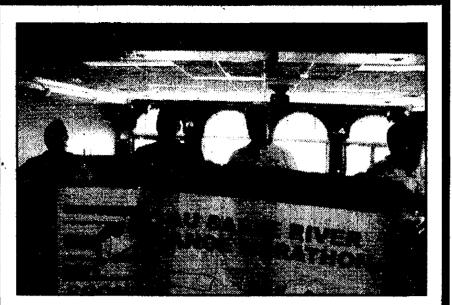


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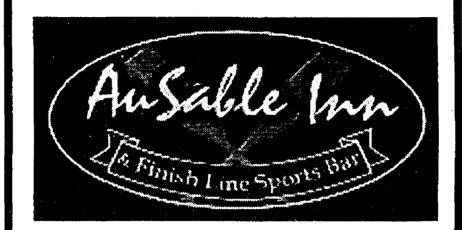


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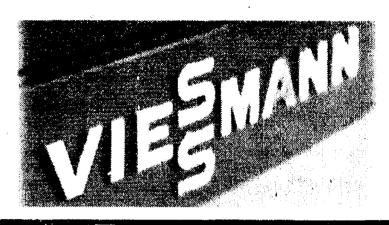


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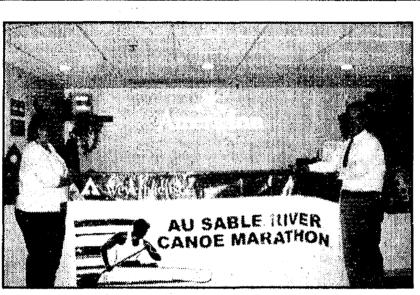
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## 220005 Man and thomas Paddler Profiles

#### CANOE #01

**Age** 21

Competitor Matthew Rimer City Horton

State/Province Michigan Hog Farmer Occupation # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The prestige of being in "The Marathon.

Racing Achievements Numerous National 1st place finishes and 17th in 2000 General Clinton.

Sponsors: DuBois Lumber Co. of Grayling, McClain & Son Construction of Grayling

**Competitor** Andrew Triebold Age 28

Spring Arbor City State/Province Michigan Hog Farmer Occupation # Marathons Most Recent. 2004

1 st Attraction to Marathon I was attracted to the Triple

Crown of racing. Racing Achievements 2nd in 2002 & 2003 La

Classique, 2003 USCA Men's C-2 National Championship, 2nd in 2004 General Clinton and 1st in 2004 Triple Crown.

#### CANOE #02

Competitor Jim Harwood

Age 40

Age 45

Grayling State/Province Michigan High School Custodian Occupation

# Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon The race itself. Racing Achievements 1st in 1995, 2nd in 1996, and

top 5 for the past 8-10 years.

Sponsors: Charlie's Country Corner, Grayling Township Fire Department

Age 47 Competitor Allen Limberg

Wausau City State/Province Wisconsin Occupation Surgical Technologist and

Carpenter # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 11th Attraction to Marathon The fun.

Racing Achievements Have canoe raced locally and other Triple Crown races.

#### CANOE #06

Competitor Mitch McMillan

City State/Province Michigan Occupation

Physical Therapist # Marathons Most Recent N/A Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon Growing up in Grayling and watching and feeding friends. Racing Achievements

Sponsors: Evergreen Physical Therapy, Rivertown Construction

**Age** 36

Age 24

**Age** 40

**Competitor** Don Brooks

City Beaverton State/Province Michigan Occupation Police Officer in Midland Mi

# Marathons Most Recent 2003 Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon Watching it as a kid and arowing up in Grayling. Racing Achievements 7 prior AuSable Marathons and

#### CANOE #07

Competitor Nicholas Bauer

City Spokane State/Province Washington Occupation

# Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 6th

Attraction to Marathon Michigan Rivers. Racing Achievements 3rd in 1984 La Classique; 2nd in 1985 General Clinton and 3rd in 1986 General Clinton; 3rd in 1993 La Classique

#### Sponsors:

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Competitor Brad Bauer Age 31

Seattle City State/Province Washington Occupation Teacher # Marathons 2004 Most Recent

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements

## CANOE #08

**Competitor** Brad Gross **Age** 36 Pinconning

City State/Province Occupation # Marathons

Michigan Sales 0 Most Recent N/A Best Finish

**Attraction to Marathon** Family involvement. Racing Achievements None, Zip, Nada.

Sponsors: Moomers Ice Cream of T.C.

Competitor Pete Mead

City Traverse City State/Province Michigan Occupation Student # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 23rd

Attraction to Marathon Watching the race and talking to paddlers.

Racing Achievements Amateur State Championships and other 1st finishes in MCRA.

### CANOE #09

Competitor Robert Bradford Age 62

Lapeer State/Province Michigan Occupation Retired # Marathons 16 Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 6th Attraction to Marathon I started watching the race when the kids were young.

Racing Achievements Three entire-length Mississippi River trips; hold Seniors' AuSable Marathon record; Ist in Yukon Quest.

#### Sponsors:

Competitor Al Widing Sr. **Age** 80

City State/Province Michigan Occupation Retired # Marathons 35 Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 2nd 3 times

Attraction to Marathon An article in the Flint Journal

Racing Achievements 2nd in 140-mile British Columbia race of 1957 & 1958; 1st in 540-mile Texas Water Safari of 1964 & 1965 and 1st in 75-mile Rifle River Race 5 times.

Sponsors: Hale Insurance.

**Age** 31

#### CANOE #10

East Lansing

Michigan

Age 44

**Age** 26

**Age** 48

**Competitor** Connie Cannon City

State/Province Occupation # Marathons

Secretary Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 10th Attraction to Marathon It's easier than being on the

Racing Achievements 2003 US National Champion C-1 Women's, holds Marathon women's record. Fledgling National Champion - 30 years ago!

**Sponsors:** Trophy Trolley - Traverse, EZ Built Homes'- Grayling

**Competitor** Amy Solak

Traverse City State/Province Michigan Occupation Secretary # Marathons

2004 Most Recent Best Finish 18th Attraction to Marathon My father paddled and we grew up watching the race. Racing Achievements Completed Triple Crown twice,

completed General Clinton 3 times; first father-daugh-

ter team to complete the Marathon in 2000.

Best Finish Racing Achievements None.

### CANOE #12

Michigan

Claims Manager

Competitor Chris McKenzie Age 34 Gaylord

State/Province Occupation # Marathons

Most Recent N/A N/A Attraction to Marathon Wishing to fulfill a dream. Flood Professionals

**Competitor** Chad Brandt Hale

City Michigan State/Province Occupation Youth Pastor # Marathons 2004 Most Recent

Best Finish 30th Attraction to Marathon Family, tradition and the chal-Racing Achievements

### CANOE #13

Competitor Josh Taylor City Grayling

Michigan State/Province Occupation Rig Hand # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 19th Attraction to Marathon I grew up in Grayling and the Racing Achievements

Sponsors: AuSable Well Service

Competitor Jason Hall

City Crystal State/Province Michigan Occupation # Marathons

Most Recent 2000 Best Finish 15th Attraction to Marathon Competition.

CANOE #14

Age 27 Roscommon State/Province Michigan **Factory Worker** Occupation # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 2nd

Racing Achievements Paddled in 46 of the past 48

Age 41

Competitor Bill Torongo **Age** 43 Weyerhaeuser, Manufacturing

Attraction to Marathon The competition. I dig adven-

Triple Crown races. Top 5 in most races entered.

CANOE #17

Spokane

Washington

Respiratory Therapist

#### Sponsors: Weyerhaeuser

**Competitor** Rick Joy City

Age 46 Silverwood State/Province Michigan GM Foundry Worker Occupation

# Marathons 28 Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 3rd

Attraction to Marathon The long-distance challenge. Racing Achievements 21 top ten finishes, 10 sub-15 hour races and 5th fastest time (14:10:25).

### CANOE #16

**Competitor** Serge Corbin City St. Boniface

State/Province Quebec Occupation Canoe Builder # Marathons 18 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 1st

Attraction to Marathon The beauty of the AuSable River. Racing Achievements All-time record holder with Solomon Carriere in 1994 (13:58:08); 12-time Marathon winner; 22-time General Clinton winner; 21-time La Classique winner; 7-time Triple Crown champion.

Sponsors: The AuSable Inn, C.P. Pollington Oneida Eagle Bows

Grayling

**Age** 46

Racing Achievements 1996 Junior National Champ.

Competitor Jeff Kolka City State/Province

Michigan Occupation Custodian, Crawford AuSable Schools # Marathons 22 Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 181 Attraction to Marathon My father. The Marathon is a great chal-

Racing Achievements Finished 2nd 4 times. Paddled second fastest Marathon with Serge Corbin in 1996. Paddled 7 Marathons under 15 hours. 1st in '96, '97,'98,'99, 2000, 01, 02, 03.

#### # Marathons Most Recent N/A N/A

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon I love endurance sports. Racing Achievements 10th in Mixed Division in 2004 Nationals and 3rd in Amateur Mixed Division 2005

**Sponsors:** Touching Stone (a novel)

Competitor Jim Bauer

Age 60 City Spokane State/Province Washington Occupation Teacher and Writer # Marathons Most Recent 2001

Best Finish 17th Attraction to Marathon The Test. Racing Achievements 1983 National Champion and 2003 Senior National Champion.

#### CANOE #18

**Competitor** Bruce Byrnes City

Lapeer State/Province Michigan Occupation Engineer # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 17th Attraction to Marathon The night paddling and the

Racing Achievements 2004 United States Canoe Association National Senior C2 Marathon Champion and Senior C2 Sprint Champion.

#### Sponsors: Oscoda Home Center,

Fay's Motel

Competitor Russ Reker Age 41 City Lapeer State/Province Michigan Occupation Engineer # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 17th Attraction to Marathon The challenge and great paddlers I meet racing. Racing Achievements 3rd in 2004 Masters C2 Nationals.

## CANOE #21

Competitor lan Cote City

10th in Copperstown.

Competitor Alison Scott

State/Province

General Clinton.

Occupation

City

**Age** 33 Lac-a-La-Tortue State/Province Quebec Occupation Airplane Mechanic # Marathons

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Best Finish 10th Attraction to Marathon The thrill of paddling at night. Best race organization. Racing Achievements 6th in 2000 La Classique and

2002

#### Sponsors:

Competitor Guy Rousseau **Age** '42 Trois-Rivieres

State/Province Quebec Occupation Inside Sales Plumber Wholesaling

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The thrill of paddling in the

night. Best race organization. Racing Achievements 5th in 2004 La Classique. 6 time "Top Ten" finisher at La Classique. 7th in 2004 Cooperstown.

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**Age** 53

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#### CANOE #22

Competitor Ted Smutek City

Luzerne Michigan State/Province Owner, Big Creek Bump & Occupation

# Marathons Most Recent Best Finish

Competitor Bob Mitchell

Attraction to Marathon

City

State/Province

Occupation

# Marathons

Most Recent

Best Finish

Most Recent

12th Attraction to Marathon My father raced in the '50s, and I wanted to finish the Marathon with him. Racing Achievements General Clinton and La

CANOE #24

Redford

Michigan

Auto Tech

N/A

N/A

Racing Achievements 2005 Hugh Heward.

**Age** 34

Age 52

2004

Sponsors: Artic Glacier Ice Company. Big Creek Bump & Paint

Competitor Colin Hunter Age 24 City Grayling Michigan State/Province

Competitor Nick Walton

State/Province

Occupation

# Marathons

Most Recent

Best Finish

Occupation Crawford County Road Commission # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 12th Attraction to Marathon I lived on the river and watched the racers go by.

Racing Achievements Finished New York 3 times and Shawinigan once and Amateur State Champion ...

Sponsors: Grayling Eagles Club

Haslett

N/A

N/A

Attraction to Marathon Watched it for years.

Racing Achievements 2005 Hugh Heward.

Michigan

Sprinkler Fitter

Avis Ford Southfield

Age 32

#### CANOE #26

Competitor Craig Jacobs Roscommon

cal and mental toughness it takes to finish.

State/Province Occupation # Marathons Most Recent

Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements

Competitor Brad Spies

Racing Achievements

State/Province

Occupation

# Marathons

Most Recent

Best Finish

City

Sponsors: M-33 Access com, Woodhaven Log & Lumber

Age 28

Competitor Ashley Marsh Michigan State/Province

Occupation Phys. Ed. & Health Teacher # Marathons

Most Recent ,24th, 2001 1st in Amateur Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Grueling endurance event that goes through my home town and the competitive nature of the sport. Racing Achievements

CANOE #23

Lewiston

Michigan

2004

24th

Attraction to Marathon The endurance and the physi-

College Student at SVSU

Similar.

Michigan 2004 Best Finish 17:17

Sponsors: Dewey's Auto Repair, JTP Drywall - Roscommon

Competitor Jeff Baerlocher **Age** 38 Roscommon State/Province Michigan Occupation Construction # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Attraction to Marathon Tradition and love for the

N/A

Racing Achievements

Best Finish

#### CANOE #28

**Competitor** Steven Landick City Marquette State/Province Michigan Occupation Teacher # Marathons

2004 Best Finish 1 st Attraction to Marathon I like to paddle.

Racing Achievements 1st with Bruce Barton in 2004 Yukon River Quest. Texas Water Safari Solo Unlimited record of 36 hours and 8 minutes, a 28,000 mile canoe journey.

#### Sponsors:

Competitor Lynn Capen Age 50 Boulder State/Province Colorado Occupation Physical Therapist # Marathons Most Recent 1996

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements USCA National Chambion

#### CANOE #36

Competitor Michael Garon Age 47

Washington State/Province Michigan Occupation Clinical Engineering Manager # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 20th

Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements 1st place in 1992-1995 Macomb County Canoe Race.

#### **Sponsors:** Fay's Motel

Age 47 Competitor Bill DuBois City Jackson State/Province Michigan Occupation Truck Mechanic # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 8th

Attraction to Marathon I just like to paddle Racing Achievements MCRA races.

#### CANOE #37

Competitor Todd R. Ellison Age 44 St. Paul State/Province Minnesota Occupation Invest in Real Estate -Landlord # Marathons

2000 Most Recent Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The people behind the race -

the whole town is into itl Racing Achievements Have a couple of medals in a drawer someplace.

#### Sponsors: 是四種"物

Competitor Kate Ellis Age 49 Minneapolis City State/Province Minnesota Occupation Artist # Marathons Most Recent 2003 Best Finish 18:06 Attraction to Marathon The challenge plus I'm a night

person so it's nice to do a race during the best/favorite part of 24 hours. Racing Achievements 1st in 2005 Run of the Charles

Mixed team.

Sponsors: Farm Bureau Insurance - Herb,

## CANOE #40

Competitor Joe Seifert City Grayling State/Province Michigan Occupation Electrician # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 10th Attraction to Marathon Living on the AuSable and rel-Racing Achievements 9 Triple Crowns and 1st place Senior in all 3 races.

Sponsors: Holiday Inn - Grayling, Northern Tails

Competitor Fred Mills Age 51 City • Roscommon State/Province Michigan Occupation Builder/Owner, Fred Mills Builder # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 12th Attraction to Marathon The things you see, smell and feel

being on the river. Racing Achievements Triple Crown paddler, 1st place Bush Bash Adventure Race across the Upper Peninsula and 10th place in Coast to Coast Race across Lower Peninsula.

#### CANOE #42

**Competitor** Jon Thompson Age 48 City Lewiston State/Province Michigan Occupation College writing instructor # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 25th

Racing Achievements Finished 5 Triple Crown Races

Cliff Wheeler - Scheer Motors Competitor Brian Royce Age 33

City Roscommon State/Province Michigan Occupation 5th Grade Teacher # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 32nd Attraction to Marathon The challenge of finishing. Attraction to Marathon It's unique.

#### CANOE #43

Competitor Mike Hartman **Age** 29 City Roscommon State/Province Michigan Occupation Youth Counselor # Marathons Most Recent 2004

16th Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The unique nature of the Racing Achievements 2 La Classique finishes

#### Sponsors: Hartman Appraisal

Competitor Jim Laurent Age 36 City Frederic State/Province Michigan Occupation Physical Therapist # Marathons Most Recent 2003 Best Finish 23rd

Attraction to Marathon I love sitting in canoes for long periods of time. Racing Achievements La Classique twice.

### CANOE #44

Competitor Ed Lazar Age 48 City Grosse Pointe Farms State/Province Michigan Occupation Insurance Agent # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 13th

**Attraction to Marathon** Peer Pressure! Racing Achievements 4th in C-1 General Clinton, New York.

#### **Sponsors:** Ed Lazar State Farm Insurance

Competitor Dwight Walker Age 51 Hastings State/Province Michigan Occupation Copier Field Service Technician # Marathons 2004 Most Recent

Racing Achievements Previous canoe races.

Best Finish 14th length and paddling at night.

Attraction to Marathon Personal challenge of the Racing Achievements Have done 10 General Clintons and many USCA Championship races.

## CANOE #45

**Competitor** Rodney Matthews Age 50 Oscoda State/Province Michigan Occupation Professional Automotive Tech # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 25th Attraction to Marathon The challenge, the love of the

Amateur Champ

# Marathons Most Recent Best Finish AuSable River. Racing Achievements MCRA 2002 3X27 State

Gilbert Drugs - Oscoda

Sponsors: Marks Floor - Oscoda,

Competitor Chris Scully Age 45 City Lincoln State/Province Michigan Occupation **Auto Detailer** 2003 DNF Attraction to Marathon The challenge Racing Achievements 2002 MCRA 3x27 State Amateur Champ.

## CANOE #47

Competitor Jeff DeFeo **Age** 49 City Chester State/Province Massachusetts Occupation Builder # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 34th

utive Westfield River Races, 2 La Classique.

Competitor Lynne Witte

Attraction to Marathon Night paddling, the people of the area and the race committee keep me coming Racing Achievements 12 General Clintons, 32 consecSponsors:

**Competitor** Stephanie Larsen Age 28 Coon Rapids State/Province Minnesota Occupation Teacher # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 42nd Attraction to Marathon Challenge, night paddling, community and nice people. Racing Achievements 2 General Clintons, 3 Nationals

## CANOE #48

Competitor Gabe Williams Age 30 Roscommon State/Province Michigan Teacher - Roscommon High Occupation School # Marathons 2003 Most Recent Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The Challenge Racing Achlevements

Sponsors: Northwestern Bank, Roscommon Insurance

Competitor Mark Church Age 33 City Roscommon State/Province Michigan Occupation 5th grade teacher # Marathons Most Recent Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon

Racing Achievements

CANOE #54

**Age** 51

Mt. Clemens City State/Province Michigan Elementary Teacher Occupation # Marathons 25 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 4th Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements United States Canoe Association Nationals; Mixed Team Marathon record holder (15:04) and Triple Crown past years.

**Sponsors:** Penrod's Canoe Livery

and 2003 Minnesota Woman of the Year Paddler.

Competitor Nathan Winkler **Age** 33 City Interlochen State/Province Michigan Occupation **Environmental Consultant** 

# Marathons

Most Recent

Best Finish 40th Attraction to Marathon Seeing the start in 2000 and watching the canoes disappear into the night. Racing Achievements 2003 25K-Vasa Trail Run and 2004 General Clinton.

2004

### CANOE #58

Competitor Todd VanDeVen Age 33 Grayling State/Province Michigan Occupation Active Duty Michigan National Guard

# Marathons 2003 Most Recent Best Finish 2nd in amateur Attraction to Marathon This year for my brother in

Racing Achievements Rookie of the Year and Most Improved Paddler.

Sponsors: Jansen Agency, Riverland LLC

Competitor Jon Webb **Age** 45 City Hubbard Lake State/Province Michigan Occupation Special Education Teacher # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 15th

Attraction to Marathon This year it was low water and a light partnerl Racing Achievements 2003 USCA National Champ with son Joe.

## Padder Profiles

#### CANOE #60

Age 24

**Age** 46

**Competitor** Joey Kimsel City Oscoda State/Province Michigan Occupation Cable Guy

# Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 25th

Attraction to Marathon The River. Racing Achievements Finishing the Marathon in 2004.

Sponsors: Gilberts Drug Store, Charter Communications

**Competitor** Ted Matthews Age 40 East Tawas City

Most Recent

Racing Achievements None.

State/Province Michigan Construction Co-ordinator Occupation # Marathons

N/A

N/A Best Finish Attraction to Marathon I grew up on the AuSable and watched the race for the last 30 years.

Occupation Student # Marathons Most Recent N/A

**Competitor** Chris Hewitt

State/Province

Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon The challenge and doing it with my dad. Racing Achievements 2004 USCA Nationals.

CANOE #61

**Bay City** 

Michigan

**Age** 15

Sponsors: Smith and Brooker, P.C.

**Competitor** Chuck Hewitt **Age** 46 **Bay City** 

City State/Province Michigan Occupation Attorney # Marathons 2003 Most Recent Best Finish 19th

Attraction to Marathon The challenge and mystique

Racing Achievements 5 ARICM finishes and 2000 La Classique.

### CANOE #62

Competitor Tom Trudgeon City Grayling

State/Province Michigan Occupation **Property Analyst** # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 9th

Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements 9th in 2005 General Clinton with Al Limberg and 1st in 2003 Marathon Mixed team

#### Sponsors:

**Age** 23 Competitor Ray Trudgeon City Grand Ledge State/Province Michigan

Civil Engineer Occupation # Marathons 2004 Most Recent

Best Finish 23rd Attraction to Marathon The tradition. Racing Achievements

#### CANOE #63

Age 28 **Competitor** Matt Meersman

South Bend State/Province Indiana Occupation Executive Director of Not-for-**Profit Organization** 

# Marathons Most Recent N/A Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon The challenge and excite-

Racing Achievements 7th place in Onaway. Currently leading the Indiana racing circuit in points.

Sponsors: TJs Trucking, Derwich Industries, Incorporated

**Competitor** Sean Casey **Age** 26 Grayling

Michigan State/Province Occupation Substitute Teacher/Borcher's Canoe Dude

# Marathons Most Recent 2004 32nd Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The competition.

Racing Achievements 5 years of Michigan Canoe Racing Association races.

#### CANOE #64

**Competitor** Dave Timmerman Age 47

City State/Province Occupation

Dubuque lowa

# Marathons Most Recent 2004

Glass Company Manager

Best Finish 21st Attraction to Marathon Wanted to be a part of the toughest race I know.

Racing Achievements General Clinton and La Classique participant

#### Sponsors:

Minnesota

Retired Carpenter

Age 47

**Age** 43

**Age** 45

Competitor Fred Rayman Age 56

City State/Province Occupation

Clinton.

# Marathons Most Recent Best Finish

**Attraction to Marathon** History and challenge of the Racing Achievements La Classique and General

#### CANOE #69

**Competitor** Bob Stockton Age 21 Higgins Lake

City Michigan State/Province Occupation

# Marathons 2004 Most Recent 28th

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Family. Racing Achievements

#### Sponsors: Silver Dollar Bar

**Competitor** Joe Leusby Age 21 Higgins Lake City

State/Province Michigan Occupation Student at CMU # Marathons Most Recent 2003

Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon Family involvement and I grew up with a Stockton so I didn't have much of a choice. Racing Achievements

### CANOE #70

Competitor P. C. Randolph City State/Province

Occupation

# Marathons

Linsday

Fitness Specialist 2000

**Age** 30

Most Recent Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon Watching the Marathon. Racing Achievements

#### Sponsors:

**Competitor** Doug Heady

City Ann Arbor State/Province Michigan Occupation Computer Consultant

# Marathons Most Recent 2003 Best Finish 37th

Attraction to Marathon The Challenge and Excitement of the Marathon. Racing Achievements 2001 MCRA Amateur Rookies of the Year.

#### CANOE #71

**Competitor** Jeff DuBois Age 49 North Oaks

City State/Province Occupation # Marathons Most Recent

Minnesota Computer Programmer 1990

Best Finish 8th Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements

#### Sponsors:

Competitor Alan DuBois

Age 71 City Cottage Grove State/Province Minnesota

Retired Refinery Worker Occupation # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Wondering if I could go that

#### Racing Achievements 13th in La Classique and 15th in General Clinton

## CANOE #72

**Competitor** Garth Greenan City State/Province Occupation # Marathons

Racing Association.

Most Recent

**Age** 50 Traverse City Michigan Civil Engineer 2004

Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon The tradition, teamwork and challenge. Racing Achievements 3 years in the Michigan Canoe

#### Sponsors:

**Competitor** Grant Tally City

Flat Rock State/Province Michigan Occupation Designer # Marathons Most Recent

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements

## CANOE #73

**Age** 50

Age 48

**Age** 35

Competitor Al Duckworth

Kalamazoo City Michigan State/Province Occupation Co-owner Concrete

Contractor # Marathons 2001 Most Recent

Best Finish 24th Attraction to Marathon The challenge of going the

distance. I love to paddlel Racing Achievements Completed the Triple Crown in

Sponsors: Fay's Motel, Great Lakes Concrete Pumping

**Competitor** Greg Nelson Age 48 Marquette

City Michigan State/Province Occupation Chiropractor # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 18th

Attraction to Marathon Where else could you have so much fun and never smile! Racing Achievements General Clinton and Mississippi Canoe Classic.

## CANOE #82

Competitor Tim Valko City State/Province

Attraction to Marathon

Racing Achievements

Occupation

# Marathons

Most Recent

Best Finish

**Age** 36 Pinckey<sup>1</sup> Michigan

2003

**Sponsors:** Grondins Hair Centers

Competitor Clark Kent City Lapeer

State/Province Michigan Occupation C.P.A. # Marathons 13 Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 5th

Attraction to Marathon The challenge of paddling from Grayling to Oscoda and the night paddling. Racing Achievements 5th in 2003 General Clinton.

### CANOE #83

**Competitor** Ray Bauer

Cincinnati City State/Province Ohio Occupation Phone Repairman # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 31st

Attraction to Marathon AuSable River night paddling. Racing Achievements 1st in Paddle Fest and 35th in General Clinton.

**Sponsors:** Star Security Systems

Competitor Tom Ackemyer Age 40

Cincinnati State/Province Ohio Occupation Carpenter # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish

31st Attraction to Marathon Just to see how hard it is. Racing Achievements 1st in Paddle Fest and 35th in General Clinton.

#### CANOE #85

**Competitor** Gloria Wesley City State/Province Occupation # Marathons

Most Recent

**Age** 45 Pittsfield Massachusetts **Physical Therapist** 2004

Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon I like endurance events. Racing Achievements 1st in mixed team 2003 General Clinton and La Classique; 1st in Women's 2004 General Clinton, 1st in Women's Open Nationals C-1 & C-2.

#### **Sponsors:** Fays Motel

Competitor Gary Aprea City

**Age** 62 **Australitz** State/Province New York Occupation Retired # Marathons Most Recent N/A Best Finish N/A

Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements 1st C1 70 (Clinton) 86.

## CANOE #86

Michigan

Competitor John Sullivan Grayling

State/Province Occupation # Marathons Most Recent

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Watch race growing up in Roscommon.

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2002

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Racing Achievements 1st in 2001 Roscommon Pro-Am, 2nd in 2002 National C-2; 3rd in 2002 General Clinton; and 1st in 2004 Millersberg.

#### Sponsors:

Competitor Steve Watson **Age** 33

Onaway City State/Province Michigan Occupation History Teacher # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The History. Racing Achievements 3rd place Curtis, 10th in 2002 General Clinton and 1st in 2003 and 2004 Millersburg.

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#### CANOE #87

Competitor Rodney Halstead Age 20 Grayling State/Province Michigan Occupation: Student # Marathons Most Recent 2004

Best Finish 10th Attraction to Marathon The beauty of the AuSable

Racing Achievements Top 10 in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon & 14th in 2005 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

#### Sponsors: Gannon Broadcasting: Bear's Den Pizzeria

Competitor Ryan Halstead **Age** 18 Grayling State/Province Michigan

Occupation Student # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements Top 10 in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and 14th in 2005 General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

#### CANOE #88

Chiropractor and Physical

Competitor Barb Bradley Wausau City State/Province Wisconsin

# Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 18th

Occupation

Attraction to Marathon The challenge of the river and the competition. Racing Achievements 1st in USCA Mixed Masters

Therapist

#### Sponsors:

Competitor James Larsen Escanaba State/Province Michigan

Electrician Occupation # Marathons Most Recent

Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements ???

#### CANOE #94

Competitor Rejean Huard **Age** 63 Shawinigan State/Province Quebec Occupation Executive Director, La

Classique # Marathons Most Recent 2004 Best Finish 49th

Attraction to Marathon The challenge of racing by night and 125 miles in one. Racing Achievements La Classique and General

Sponsors: Big Creek Bump & Paint, Mio Family Dentistry - Mio

**Competitor** Frank Smutek Age 71

Luzerne State/Province Michigan Occupation Retired # Marathons 13 Most Recent 2004 Best Finish

Attraction to Marathon I grew up in Oscoda; I was there for the first race, as every young guy had to try it. The distance is the challenge. Racing Achievements All races in MCRA circuit and

competing in the Triple Crown with my daughter Amy Solak in 2001.

#### CANOE #97

Competitor Dave Dahl City Maple Grove

State/Province Minnesota Occupation RN and Volunteer Fire Officer # Marathons Most Recent Best Finish

2004 N/A Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements Colorado 100 - Birkle x 15, numerous triathlons, x-country Gear West - Long Lake MN ski races, bicycle and canoe races.

Sponsors: Gear West - Long Lake MN

**Competitor** Brett Thunstrom Age 47 City Anoka State/Province Minnesota Occupation Manufacturing Engineer

# Marathons Most Recent N/A Best Finish N/A

Attraction to Marathon I supported a team last vear...it was very exciting. Racing Achievements 3rd in Texas Inaugural CR100 Canoe Race. Twin Cities Marathon finisher.

#### CANOE #98

Competitor Joe Shaw **Age** 50 Worthington State/Province Massachusetts Occupation Financial Consultant # Marathons

Most Recent 2004 Best Finish Attraction to Marathon The challenge of paddling all night. The people and paddlers of Grayling. Racing Achievements US Marathon Kayak team.

Sponsors: Days Inn of Grayling, **CYTOMAX** 

Competitor Karine Pellerin **Age** 28 City Lac a la Tortue State/Province Quebec Occupation Laboratory Tech # Marathons Most Recent N/A

Best Finish N/A Attraction to Marathon The challenge and passion for Racing Achievements La Classique 5 times. Best finish

#### **CANOE #117**

**Competitor** Frank Bailey **Grand Rapids** City State/Province Michigan

Occupation # Marathons Most Recent Best Finish Attraction to Marathon Racing Achievements 2 General Clintons Sponsors: Lucky and Laura's Liquor

Competitor Frank Taber Lowell State/Province Michigan Occupation Broadcast Engineer # Marathons 2004 Most Recent Best Finish 2nd amatuer Attraction to Marathon The challenge.

Racing Association.

Racing Achievements 20 years in the Michigan Canoe

#### CANOE #136

Competitor Mark Noorman City Rockford State/Province Michigan Occupation Firefighter # Marathons Most Recent 2004 58th Attraction to Marathon The challenge. Racing Achievements Reeds Lake Triathlon and Fifth

Third River Bank Run.

Sponsors: Clear Waters of Michigan, A Place to Grow Landscape and Desigh

**Competitor** Troy Winters Age 39 Cedar Springs State/Province Michigan Occupation Self Employed # Marathons Most Recent N/A Best Finish N/A **Attraction to Marathon** Personal challenge.

Racing Achievements

## The 2005 Paddler Profiles reflect 51 teams entered as of Friday, July 8.

### **Marathon Fast Facts**

- As of July 6, 51 teams were entered, including 8 mixed teams, 2 amateur teams and 1 women's team.
- As of July 6, 1 women's team was entered: Canoe #10 -Connie Cannon of East Lansing & Amy Solak of Traverse City.
- Lynne Witte (Canoe #54) is paddling in her 26th Marathon. Her partner is Nate Winkler of Interlochen.
- As of July 6, three father-son teams are competing: Canoe #62 (Tom Trudgeon of Grayling & Ray Trudgeon of Grand Ledge), Canoe #61 (Chuck Hewitt & Chris Hewitt of Bay City) and Canoe #71 (Allan DuBois & Jeff DuBois of Minnesota).
- Although there are no husband-wife teams competing, Allen Limberg and Barb Bradley of Wausau, Wisconsin, are each paddling with other partners. Allen will be in Canoe #02 with Jim Harwood of Grayling, and Barb will be in Canoe #88 with Jim Larsen of Escanaba. Also, lan Cote and Karine Pellerin of Lac a la Totue, Quebec, are each paddling with other partners. Ian will be in Canoe #21 with Guy Rousseau of Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and Karine will be in Canoe # 98 with Joe Shaw of Worthington, Massachusetts.
- The Paddlers' Dinner will be held immediately following the time trials/sprints on Friday, July 29, at the Holiday Inn. This spaghetti dinner is open to the public with a limited number of tickets available at the door. The program includes an introduction of Marathon participants, presentation of Special Olympics awards and presentation of business relay race awards.
- The Marathon office in the Grayling Mini Mall will be open all night on Saturday-Sunday, July 30-31, for up-to-the minute race results. Stop in or call 989-348-4425.

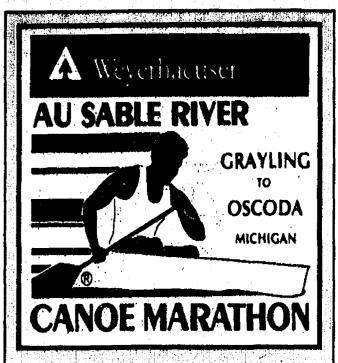
## The Completely **Equipped Spectator** will have...

- Full tank of gas
- Marathon program book & spectator guide (for racer) and course information)
- Paper & pencils with erasers
- Michigan road map
- Water
- Lawn chair
- Blanket
- Binoculars
- Insect repellant
- Sun screen
- First aid kit
- Sunglasses
- Toilet paper
- Washcloth (frozen wet in a plastic bag) & soap
- Toothpaste & brush
- Pre-moistened towelettes
- Litter bag
- Camera & film
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight & batteries
- Cell phone
- Battery-powered radio or Walkman
- Rain gear
- Cap or hat with visor
- Extra cool weather and warm weather clothes
- Cooler with snacks, water & other non-alcoholic drinks
- Thermos of hot coffee or cocoa

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# Competitor	Age	City	State/Province	# 1	Competitor	Age	City	State/Province
Q1 Matthew Ri	ner 21	Horton	Michigan	47 .	Jeff DeFeo	49	Chester	Massachusetts
01 Andrew Trie	bold 28	Spring Arbor	Michigan	47	Stephanie Larsen	28	Coon Rapids	Minnesota
02 Jim Harwoo	d 40	Grayling	Michigan	48 (	Gabe Williams	30	Roscommon	Michigan
02 Allen Limbe	rg 47	Wausau	Wisconsin	48	Mark Church	33	Roscommon	Michigan
06 Mitch McMil	lan 30	Clare	Michigan	54	Lynne Witte	51	Mt. Clemens	Michigan
06 Don Brooks	36	Beaverton	Michigan	54	Nathan Winkler	33	Interlochen	Michigan
07 Nicholas Ba	uer 45	Spokane	Washington	58	Todd VanDeVen	33	Grayling	Michigan
07 Brad Bauer	31	Seattle	Washington	58 .	Jon Webb	45	Hubbard Lake	Michigan
08 Brad Gross	36	Pinconning	Michigan	60 .	Joey Kimsel	24	Oscoda	Michigan
08 Pete Mead	24	Traverse City	Michigan	60	Ted Matthews	40	East Tawas	Michigan
09 Robert Brac	ford 62	Lapeer	Michigan	61	Chris Hewitt	15	Bay City	Michigan
09 Al Widing S	r. 80	Mio	Michigan	61 (	Chuck Hewitt	46	Bay City	Michigan
10 Connie Can	non 44	East Lansing	Michigan	62	Tom Trudgeon	46	Grayling	Michigan
10 Amy Solak	40	Traverse City	Michigan	62	Ray Trudgeon	23	Grand Ledge	Michigan
12 Chris McKe	nzie 34.	Gaylord	Michigan	۶ <del>۱</del>	Matt Meersman	28	South Bend	Indiana
12 Chad Brand		Hale	Michigan	63	Sean Casey	26	Grayling	Michigan
13 Josh Taylor		Grayling	Michigan	-   <del></del>	Dave Timmerman	47	South Bend	Indiana
13 Jason Hall	27	Crystal	Michigan		Fred Rayman	56	Grayling	Michigan
14 Bill Torongo	The state of the s	Roscommon	Michigan	+ +	Bob Stockton	21	Higgins Lake	Michigan
14 Rick Joy	46	Silverwood	Michigan		Joe Leusby	21	Higgins Lake	Michigan
16 Serge Corb		St. Boniface	Quebec		P. C. Randolph	30	Linsday	Ohlo
16 Jeff Kolka	46	Grayling	Michigan		Doug Heady	47	Ann Arbor	Michigan (
17 Alison Scott		Spokane	Washington		Jeff DuBois	49	North Oaks	Minnesota
17 Jim Bauer	60	Spokane	Washington		Alan DuBois	71	Cottage Grove	Minnesota
18 Bruce Byrne		Lapeer	Michigan	-	Garth Greenan	50	Traverse City	Michigan
18 Russ Reker	200	Lapeer	Michigan		Grant Tally	43	Flat Rock	Michigan
21 Ian Cote	33	Lac-a-La-Tortue	Quebec	- I <del></del>	Al Duckworth	10	Kalamazoo	Michigan
21 Guy Rousse		Trois-Rivieres	Quebec	1 (2000)	Greg Nelson	48	Marquette	Michigan
22 Ted Smutek	37	Luzerne	Michigan	4   **********	Tim Valko	36	Pinckey	Michigan
22 Colin Hunte		Grayling	Michigan		Clark Kent	45	Lapeer	Michigan
23 Brad Spies	20	Lewiston	Michigan	- I	Ray Bauer	48	Cincinnati	Ohio
23 Ashley Mars		Mio	Michigan		Tom Ackemyer	40	Cincinnati	Ohio
24 Bob Mitchell		Redford			Gloria Wesley	45	Pittsfield	
	32		Michigan Michigan		•			Massachusetts
0000 000 0000 000	<del></del>	Haslett	Michigan Michigan	+   ******	Gary Aprea John Sullivan	62	Australitz	New York
26 Craig Jacob		Roscommon	Michigan			35	Grayling	Michigan
26 Jeff Baerlock		Roscommon	Michigan	-	Steve Watson	33	Onaway	Michigan
28 Steven Land	i : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :	Marquette	Michigan Calanda		Rodney Halstead	20	Grayling	Michigan
28 Lynn Capen		Boulder	Colorado		Ryan Halstead	18	Grayling	Michigan
36 Michael Gar		Washington	Michigan		Barb Bradley	48	Wausau	Wisconsin
36 Bill DuBois	47	Jackson	Michigan	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	James Larsen	52	Escanaba	Michigan
Todd R. Ellis		St. Paul	Minnesota		Rejean Huard	63	Shawinigan	Quebec
37 Kate Ellis	49	Minneapolis	Minnesota		Frank Smutek	71	Luzeme	Michigan
10 Joe Seifert	53	Grayling	Michigan		Dave Dahl	56	Maple Grove	Minnesota
10 Fred Mills	51	Roscommon	Michigan		Brett Thunstrom	47	Anoka	Minnesota
12 Jon Thomps	1831 12.69	Lewiston	Michigan		Joe Shaw	50	Worthington	Massachusetts
12 Brian Royce		Roscommon	Michigan	-	Karine Pellerin	28	Lac a la Tortue	Quebec
13 Mike Hartma	in 29	Roscommon	Michigan	117 F	Frank Bailey	51	Grand Rapids	Michigan
3 Jim Laurent	36	Frederic	Michigan	117 F	Frank Taber	55	Lowell	Michigan
4 Ed Lazar	48	Grosse Pointe Farms	Michigan	136 N	Mark Noorman	36	Rockford	Michigan
4 Dwight Walk	er 51	Hastings	Michigan	136 7	Troy Winters	39	Cedar Springs	Michigan
15 Rodney Mat	thews 50	Oscoda	Michigan	14				
5 Chris Scully	45	Lincoln	Michigan					





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Over \$50,000 Cash & Prizes

#### **Expert Division** Cash Purse

150	. \$5,000
2nd	.\$3,500
3rd	. \$2,500
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5th	
6h	. \$1,400
7th	¢1 300
8th	. \$1,200
900	. \$1,100
10th	\$1,000
11th	\$950
11th	\$900
.13th	\$850
14th	800
15th	\$750
16th	\$700
17th,	\$650
18th	630
19th	\$600
20th	
21st	\$550
22nd	\$530
23rd,	\$500
24th	\$480
25th	\$450
26th	· .
27th	\$400
28th	\$380
29th	\$350
30th	\$330
31st	-
32nd	\$310
33rd	\$300
34th	\$290
35th	\$280
36th	\$270
37th	\$260
38th	\$250
39th	\$240
40th	\$230
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\$150 per team: 41st place & lower (\$750 total; not to exceed \$150 per team]

\$4,400 will be awarded in bonuses!

**Amateur Division Prizes** Trophies will be awarded to all amateur teams that complete the course within 19 hours.